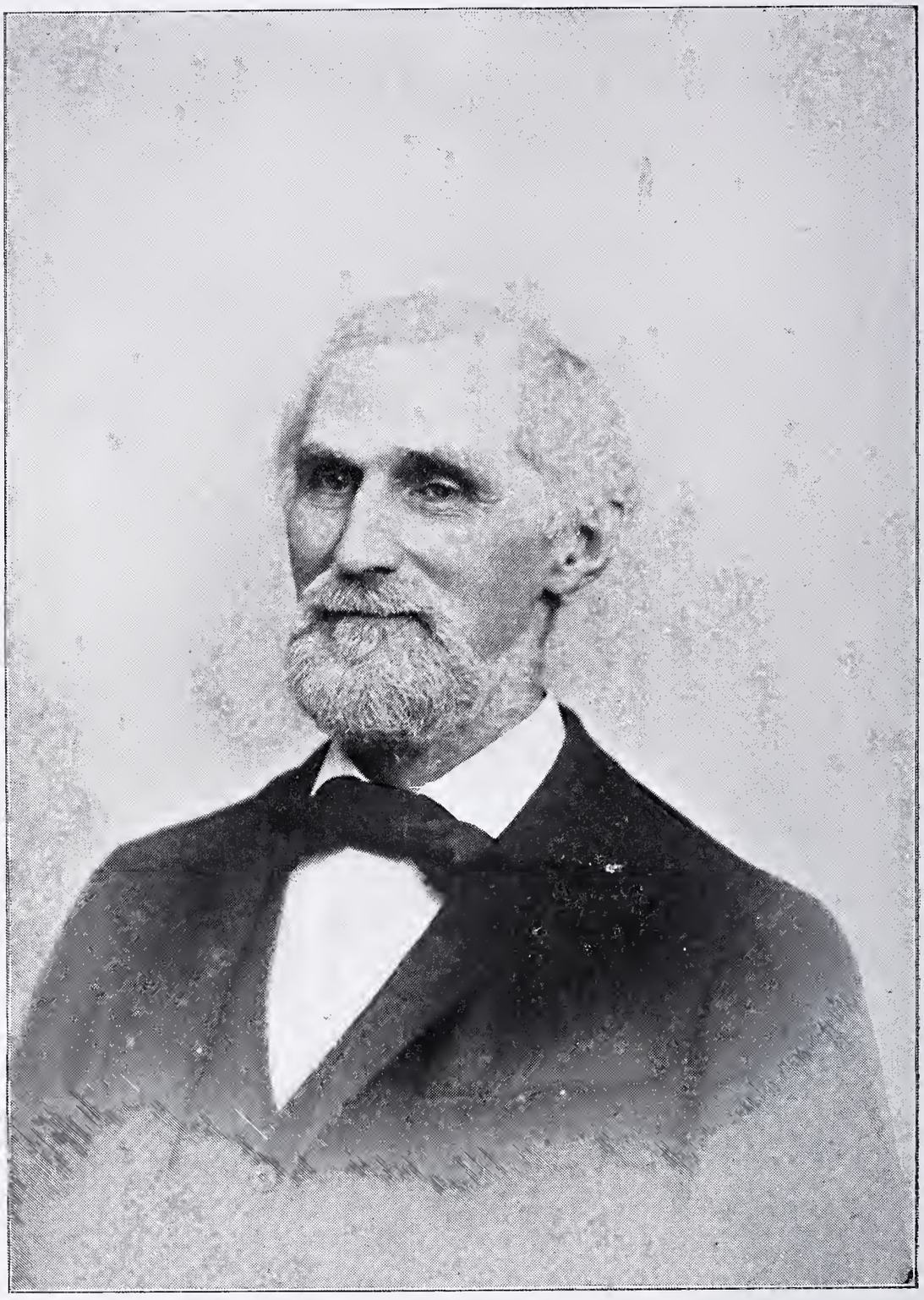

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HON. MEMBER SUP.·. CO.·. NOR.·. MAS.·. JUR.·., U. S. A.

TRANSACTIONS

OF

Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation,

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE,

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

AT ITS

THIRTIETH SESSION,

HELD IN PHILADELPHIA,

ON THE 3D DAY OF THE HEBREW MONTH TEBETH,
A. M. 5660, ANSWERING TO TUESDAY, THE 5TH
DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°.·.of Pittsburg,
Illus. Deputy for Pennsylvania, M. Illus. Commander-in-Chief.

FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY, 33°.·.of Philadelphia,
Illustrious Grand Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY OF THE
SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOV. GR. INS.-GEN., 33°, A. A. S. R.
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A., DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ORIENT OF PITTSBURG, 40° 32′ N. LAT., 80° 2′ W. LONG.,
Thirteenth day of Kislev, 5660 (November 15, 1899).

ILL. BROTHER :

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 53 to 58, of the Constitution of the Supreme Council, you are hereby NOTIFIED that a meeting of PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION will be held in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the Third Day of the Hebrew Month Tebeth, A. M. 5660, corresponding to Tuesday, the Fifth Day of December, A. D. 1899, at 3.30 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of business concerning the welfare of the A. A. S. Rite in Pennsylvania.

All PAST PRESIDING AND PRESENT OFFICERS of Consistories, of Chapters of Rose Croix, of Councils of Princes, and of Lodges of Perfection, are members of the Council of Deliberation. Article 85 of the Constitution of the Supreme Council "makes it the DUTY of the first four officers of Lodges and Councils and the first three officers of Chapters and Consistories, to attend the meetings of the Council of Deliberation for their District, and assist in promoting the welfare of the Rite."

Articles XI and XII of the Rules and Regulations of the Council of Deliberation are as follows :—

ARTICLE XI.—DECEASED MEMBERS.—It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer of the Subordinate Body of the highest grade in any Valley, when practicable, to prepare and present to the Council, at its annual meetings, a sketch of the lives and Masonic services of such members thereof as may have departed this life during the year preceding such meeting.

ARTICLE XII.—ANNUAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION.—It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer of each of the Subordinate Bodies to present to the Council, at each annual meeting, a report showing the work done during the preceding year, and the present membership, and giving a statement of such other facts as will give the Council full and clear information as to the condition of the Bodies.

No one will be admitted except he be "CLOTHED WITH THE REGALIA APPROPRIATE TO HIS RANK," or at least with his appropriate Jewel, except by permission of the Commander-in-Chief.

After the transaction of business the Box of Fraternal Assistance will be passed.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

By order of

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33

Most Illus. Com.-in-Chief, Deputy for Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY, 33

Illus. Gr. Secretary.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Opening of Council at 3.30 o'clock.

Calling of Roll of Members.

Reading of Minutes of Twenty-ninth Session, unless dispensed with.

Announcement of Committees :—

On Credentials.
On Finance.
On Jurisprudence and Laws.
On the State of the Rite.
On Nomination of Officers.

Reading of Communications.

Annual Address of the Most Illustrious Deputy.

Reports of Presiding Officers of Subordinate Bodies.

Announcement of Death of Members of Subordinate Bodies and Reading of Memorials.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

Report of Grand Hospitaler.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

Report of Committee on State of the Rite.

Report of Committee on Nomination of Officers.

Triennial Election of Officers.

Report of Special Committees.

New Business.

Installation of Officers.

Passing the Box of Fraternal Assistance.

Closing.

BANQUET.

1899.

MEETING

OF

Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

A. A. S. R.

PURSUANT to notice (of which the foregoing is a copy) addressed to the Active and Honorary members of the Supreme Council of Sov. Gr. Ins.-Gen., 33°, resident in the State; the Past First and Second Lieutenant Commanders of the Council of Deliberation; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; the Past Most Wise and Perfect Masters of Chapters of Rose Croix; the Past Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Masters of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem; the Past Thrice Potent Grand Masters of Lodges of Perfection (they being Thirty-second degree Masons); the first three officers of Consistories and Chapters of Rose Croix, and the first four officers of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and of Lodges of Perfection.

THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, NORTHERN
MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A.,

was held in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the third day of the Hebrew month Tebeth, A. M. 5660, answering to Tuesday, the fifth day of December, 1899.

There were present four Active and thirty Honorary members of the Supreme Council residing in Pennsylvania, representatives from twenty-nine Subordinate Bodies, and a number of visiting brethren.

The Council of Deliberation was opened in full form in the 14° at three o'clock and forty minutes P. M., by

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy of the Supreme Council for the State of Pennsylvania, *ex officio* Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief, presiding, with the following officers in their respective stations and places :—

JAMES H. CODDING, 33°, .	*Ill. First Lieut. Commander.*	
CHARLES K. FRANCIS, 33°,	"	*Second Lieut. Commander.*
SAMUEL W. WRAY, 33°, .	"	*Minister of State & G. O.*
GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, 33°,	"	*Grand Prior.*
JOEL S. EABY, 33°, . . .	"	" *Chancellor.*
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°,	"	" *Treasurer.*
FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY, 33°,	"	" *Secretary.*
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., 33°,	"	" *Engineer & Arch't.*
ROBERT J. LINDEN, 33°, .	"	" *Hospitaler.*
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, 33°,	"	" *Master of Cere's.*
LEVI B. MCCLEES, 33°, .	"	" *Marshal.*
DAVID A. SAWDEY, 32°, .	"	" *Standard Bearer.*
SAMUEL I. GIVIN, 33°, . .	"	" *Capt. of Guard.*
HENRY ASHFORD, 32°, .	"	*Sentinel.*
BENJAMIN K. PAULLIN, 32°,	"	*Armorer.*

The Grand Prior addressed the Throne of Grace, invoking the divine blessing upon the deliberations of the Council.

The Ill. Grand Secretary called the roll of members, when representatives from six Consistories, seven Chapters of Rose Croix, seven Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and nine Lodges of Perfection were found to be present (every Subordinate Body of the Rite in the State).

The minutes of the last (twenty-ninth) Council of Deliberation were approved, and, on motion, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The Illustrious Deputy for New Jersey, Ill. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs, 33°, Active, and Ill. Bro. Stephen Smith, 33°, Honorary, from the same State, were introduced and invited to seats in the East.

The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief was pleased to announce the following committees :—

On the State of the Rite.

Charles K. Francis, 33°, Lee S. Smith, 33°,
David A. Sawdey, 32°.

On Jurisprudence and Laws.

George W. Guthrie, 33°, Harvey A. M'Killip, 33°,
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33°.

On Credentials.

Amos H. Hall, 33°, Warren B. Brightman, 32°,
Owen M. Copelin, 32°.

On Finance.

M. Richards Muckle, 33°, Arthur D. Bacon, 32°,
Thomas S. Stout, 32°.

On Nomination of Officers.

Matthias H. Henderson, 33°, Henry N. Dunnell, 33°,
Joel S. Eaby, 33°.

Communications, regretting their inability to be present, were received from Sov. Gr. Inspectors-Gen. Townsend S. Hunn, 33° ; William Himrod, 33° ; Joshua L. Lyte, 33° ; George P. Balmain, 33° ; George C. Johnstone, 33° ; Joseph P. Abel, 33° ; John V. Ellis, 33° ; Samuel M. Todd, 33°.

Which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief then delivered the following address :—

PITTSBURG, PA., December 5, 1899.

Illustrious Brethren of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. Scottish Rite :—

It has pleased our Father in Heaven "from whom cometh every good and perfect gift" to permit us to assemble in this our thirtieth annual session. With hearts full of gratitude for his beneficence, and recognizing our duty first of all to Him, let us meet our responsibilities and devote ourselves to the consideration of those things which will advance the highest interests of our Rite.

During the past year some of our great leaders have been called from the warfare of this life to "the rest prepared for those who love God." The eloquent tributes to their memories, which have been printed with the proceedings of the session of our Supreme Council in September, can hardly be added to, but we owe it to ourselves to note our loss.

Ill .·. James Andrew Hawley, 33°, Active member of the Supreme Council, was born in Penfield, Monroe County, New York, August 20, 1830, and died at his home in Dixon, Illinois, December 30, 1898. He had served for over forty-two years as a Master Mason.

This brother was possessed of mental attainments of a very high order, which gave him a high standing among all with whom he associated, but his great influence came also from the warm-hearted affection which he manifested to all with whom he came in contact. There is no force after all as potent as that of human kindness, and of this our dear brother was a large possessor.

Ill .·. Enoch Terry Carson, 33°, Active member and Deputy for Ohio of our Supreme Council, was born near

Cheviot, Hamilton County, Ohio, September 18, 1822, and died at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 23, 1899. He had served as a Master Mason for over fifty-three years.

No man probably ever left a greater impress upon the Masonic fraternity, which was as the "apple of the eye" to him, or was more respected by it at home and abroad, than this great man and brother. And now "who shall bend the bow of Ulysses?"

Possessed of probably the greatest individual library for Masonic research in the world, and with a mind which had absorbed and was always willing and ready to give out again the great thoughts of the greatest thinkers, quickened and reinforced by his own, he will be missed by us more than pen or tongue can tell. Of him it may also be said, as of one of Arthur's round table—"braver knight ne'er set lance in rest."

In Pennsylvania we will revere his memory, not only because of his remarkable genius and individuality, but also because of the fact that it was largely through his instrumentality that the Rite was revived in Pennsylvania many years ago.

Ill .·. Charles Mahlon Cottrill, 33°, Active member and Deputy for Wisconsin of our Supreme Council, was born in Montpelier, Vermont, October 20, 1835, and died at his home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 4, 1899. He had served as a Master Mason for over thirty-two years.

There was something peculiarly attractive in this brother which won for him the affection of those with whom he associated. "He was kindly, all accomplished, wise." His conceptions of the teachings and influence of the Scottish Rite were exalted, and he was peculiarly gifted for his place as a member of the Standing Committee of the Supreme Council on Rituals and Ritualistic Matter. His ideas were

clear and definite, and we recall the minority report brought in by him and our lamented brother, Ill .·. Geter C. Shidle, 33°, of Pittsburg, in 1886 (Page 54 Proceedings), which settled the Christian character of the 18°, and required the degree to be conferred as such, and which the Supreme Council adopted in preference to the majority report, which was signed by all the other members of the Committee, and was for the avowed purpose of enabling others than Christians to consistently receive the degree. It is noteworthy that in the very large vote by which the minority report was adopted, the name of Bro. Enoch T. Carson appears, as well as that of Bro. Charles M. Cottrill, and the names of all the Active members of the Supreme Council for Pennsylvania, with the exception of Bro. Stocker, who, for some reason, did not vote on either side of the question.

The majority report offered the following resolution, viz.:—"Resolved: That to those Rose Croix Chapters which so desire, authority is hereby given to confer the Ritual of the Sup .·. Council of England, Wales, and the British possessions, as is herewith submitted and amended." The report adopted was as follows: "The undersigned members of the Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matter cannot subscribe to the report of the majority of the said Committee, as we conceive it not only inexpedient but unwise to have any option in the matter embraced therein, as it will necessitate the adoption of two Rituals by this Supreme Council. Fraternally submitted. Geter C. Shidle, Charles M. Cottrill, of Committee."

The Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, Honorary members of our Supreme Council, who have "entered into rest," as far as their names have come to us since our last report, are as follows:

Ill .·. John T. Harris, Columbus, Ohio, Died Oct. 4, 1898.
" George H. Babbitt, Bellows Falls, Vt., Died Nov. 6, 1898.
" DeWitt C. Creiger, Chicago, Ill., Died Nov. 9, 1898.
" George R. Sage, Cincinnati, O., Died Nov. 19, 1898.
" William T. Palmer, Milwaukee, Wis., Died Dec. 5, 1898.
" Augustus W. Peters, New York, N. Y., Died Dec. 29, 1898.
" Herman C. Pfafflin, Cincinnati, O., Died Dec. 31, 1898.
" Frank Henderson, Kalamazoo, Mich., Died Jan. 3, 1899.
" Samuel C. Steele, Rochester, N. Y., Died Jan. 12, 1899.
" Edwin Wright, Boston, Mass., Died Jan. 21, 1899.
" Charles A. Tufts, Dover, N. H., Died Feb. 12, 1899.
" Miron W. Johnson, Burlington, Vt., Died Feb. 12, 1899.
" Albert Stiles, Jackson, Mich., Died Mch. 6, 1899.
" Charles C. Kiefer, Urbana, O., Died Mch. 12, 1899.
" Seranus Bowen, Boston, Mass., Died Apr. 7, 1899.
" Joseph Eichbaum, Pittsburg, Pa., Died Apr. 15, 1899.
" Eugene B. Myers, Chicago, Ill., Died Apr. 19, 1899.
" James H. Durand, Rahway, N. J., Died May 25, 1899.

It is fitting that we should do more than merely record the name in the case of Ill .·. Joseph Eichbaum, 33°, Past Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, and I present herewith a copy of the memorial presented to our Supreme Council for our memorial tablets: "His notable services when Grand Master, to the cause of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, when an effort was made to introduce a spurious system within the District of Pennsylvania, as well as his personality and great services to Symbolic Freemasonry, entitle him to more than honorable mention. Our sense of loss is very great in Pennsylvania, where we loved and venerated him."

We are not unmindful of the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret and those of other rank in the Rite whose "voices are stilled," but whose influence for good continues.

Our rules and regulations make it incumbent upon the presiding officers of the Subordinate Body of the highest

grade in any Valley, when practicable, to prepare and present to the Council, at its annual meetings, a sketch of the lives and Masonic services of such members thereof as may have departed this life during the year preceding such meeting, and we have no doubt that this grateful duty will be complied with as heretofore.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

The eighty-seventh annual session of our Supreme Council was held in Philadelphia, between September 19 and 21, 1899, both inclusive, and there were in attendance forty Active members and one hundred and fifty-five Honorary members. The hospitality of our good brethren of Philadelphia was princely, and evoked the following resolution from the Supreme Council, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Supreme Council are due, and are hereby tendered to the Illustrious brethren of the Rite in the Valley of Pennsylvania, and especially Philadelphia Consistory, for the exceedingly courteous and successful manner in which they have entertained the members of this Body and their ladies during our visit to the City of Brotherly Love, and assure them that when we depart for our homes we will carry with us nothing but sweet memories of the generous hospitalities so abundantly bestowed upon us."

The proceedings have been printed and distributed, so that I need not detain you with the particulars heretofore given, and will merely refer to a few points covered by them.

The address of our Sovereign Grand Commander was, as usual, most comprehensive and satisfactory, and I wish that every member of the Rite would receive a copy of the proceedings, if only to read it. The report of work done during the year places Pennsylvania first as to the Consistories and Chapters, and second as to the Councils and Lodges.

PENNSYLVANIA.	No. of Members July 1, 1898.	Deaths.	Withdrawn or Dropped from Roll.	Expelled.	Affiliations and Restorations	Initiations.	Total Membership July 1, 1899.
Pennsylvania Consistory	1303	15	23		3	138	1406
Philadelphia "	897	13	11		2	54	929
Harrisburg "	276	4	9			37	300
Caldwell "	298	2	51	1		37	281
Keystone "	93	1			1	9	102
Coudersport U. D. "						98	98
						373	3116
Pittsburg Chapter of Rose Croix . .	1307	15	23		3	138	1410
Kilwinning " " " . .	903	13	11		2	55	936
Evergreen " " " . .	309	2	54	1		36	288
Harrisburg " " " . .	261	4	9			37	285
Keystone " " " . .	95	1				9	103
Calvary " " " . .	37	1				2	38
Coudersport " " " . .	79				14	32	125
						309	3155
Pennsylvania Council of P. of J. . .	1318	15	24		3	137	1419
De Joinville " " . .	925	13	14		2	54	954
Harrisburg " " . .	264	4	9			37	288
Zerubbabel " " . .	300	2	54	1		36	279
Keystone " " . .	100	1				9	108
Hayden " " . .	39	1				2	40
Coudersport " " . .	79				15	33	127
						308	3215
Gourgas Lodge of Perfection . . .	1303	15	25		4	121	1388
Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection . .	939	12	17		2	54	966
Harrisburg " " . .	272	4	9			29	288
Enoch " " . .	311	2	57	1		36	287
Lancaster " " . .	128	4	4			5	125
Keystone " " . .	130	1	1			5	133
Presque Isle " " . .	172		15		1	13	171
Towanda " " . .	69	2				3	70
Coudersport " " . .	142	1				22	163
						288	3591

Grand Total	1278
Previous year	1201
Gain	77

The Bodies and members in Pennsylvania, on July 1, 1899, were as follows:—

	Members.	Comparative Membership to other Districts.
6 Consistories	3,116	Third
7 Chapters	3,185	Third
7 Councils	3,215	Third
9 Lodges	3,591	Second

The Bodies and members in the whole Northern Jurisdiction, on July 1, 1899, were as follows:—

	Members.
33 Consistories	23,289
58 Chapters	23,744
62 Councils	24,321
79 Lodges	26,826

The report of dues paid by Subordinate Bodies during the year places Pennsylvania first. They are reported as follows:—

DUES OF 1899.

	Unpaid.	Paid.
Maine		$556 50
New Hampshire		248 00
Vermont		260 00
Massachusetts		574 00
Rhode Island		184 50
Connecticut		651 00
New York	$10 00	2,742 00
New Jersey		955 50
Pennsylvania		2,765 50
Ohio		1,988 50
Michigan		895 50
Indiana		1,460 50
Illinois		1,366 00
Wisconsin		564 00
	$10 00	$15,211 50

All the Bodies in the District made their returns to the Supreme Council and remitted their fees and dues. I remitted Ill.·. Clinton F. Page, 33°, Ill. Grand Secretary-General, $2,762.50, for fees and dues collected by me for returns to June 30, 1899, as follows:—

1.—VALLEY OF PITTSBURG.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Pennsylvania Consistory . .	138	$414 00	$5 00	$419 00	
Pittsburg Chapter Rose Croix	138	207 00	5 00	212 00	
Pennsylvania Council, P. of J.	137	205 50	5 00	210 50	
Gourgas Lodge of Perfection	121	242 00	5 00	247 00	
		$1,068 50	$20 00		$1,088 50

2.—VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Philadelphia Consistory . .	54	$162 00	$5 00	$167 00	
Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix	55	82 50	5 00	87 50	
De Joinville Council, P. of J.	54	81 00	5 00	86 00	
Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection	54	108 00	5 00	113 00	
		$433 50	$20 00		453 50

3.—VALLEY OF HARRISBURG.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Harrisburg Consistory . . .	37	$111 00	$5 00	$116 00	
Harrisburg Chapter Rose Croix	37	55 50	5 00	60 50	
Harrisburg Council, P. of J.	37	55 50	5 00	60 50	
Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection	29	58 00	5 00	63 00	
		$280 00	$20 00		300 00

4.—VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Caldwell Consistory	36	$108 00	$5 00	$113 00	
Evergreen Chapter Rose Croix	36	54 00	5 00	59 00	
Zerubbabel Council, P. of J.	36	54 00	5 00	59 00	
Enoch Lodge of Perfection .	36	72 00	5 00	77 00	
		$288 00	$20 00		308 00

5.—VALLEY OF LANCASTER.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Lancaster Lodge of Perfection	5	$10 00	$5 00	$15 00	15 00

6.—VALLEY OF ERIE.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection	13	$26 00	$5 00	$31 00	31 00

7.—VALLEY OF TOWANDA.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Calvary Chapter Rose Croix	2	$3 00	$5 00	$8 00	
Hayden Council, P. of J.	2	3 00	5 00	8 00	
Towanda Lodge of Perfection	3	6 00	5 00	11 00	
		$12 00	$15 00		27 00

8.—VALLEY OF COUDERSPORT.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Coudersport Consistory	98	$294 00	$5 00	$299 00	
Coudersport Chapter Rose Croix	32	48 00	5 00	53 00	
Coudersport Council, P. of J.	33	49 50	5 00	54 50	
Coudersport Lodge of Perfection	22	44 00	5 00	49 00	
		$435 50	$20 00		455 50

9.—VALLEY OF SCRANTON.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Keystone Consistory	9	$27 00	$5 00	$32 00	
Keystone Chapter R. Croix.	9	13 50	5 00	18 50	
Keystone Council, P. of J.	9	13 50	5 00	18 50	
Keystone Lodge of Perfection	5	10 00	5 00	15 00	
		$64 00	$20 00		84 00
Grand Total					$2,762 50

A portrait of our dear old Deputy, Ill.·. Anthony E. Stocker, M. D., 33°, who served us so long and faithfully, was presented to the Supreme Council and directed to be placed upon the wall of the office of our Grand Secretary General, in New York. The Thirty-third and last degree was conferred upon a number, including the following of our District, viz.:—

George E. Wagner, Philadelphia.
Samuel I. Givin, "
Henry H. Arnold, Pittsburg.
Harry W. Dunlap, Pittsburg.

And the following brethren were elected from our District to receive the same distinction next year, viz.:—

Richard Maris, Philadelphia.
David A. Sawdey, Erie.

It came to my attention on July 16, 1899, that a stated meeting of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection had been called and held at a place different from the established place of meeting of the Body, and I at once declared the minutes and action of the meeting void, so far as they purported to be those of a stated meeting of the Body, and I directed the Thrice Potent Grand Master to announce this at the first stated meeting of the Body after receipt of my letter. With this direction the Thrice Potent Grand Master complied, but appealed to the Supreme Council. In submitting the appeal and all the papers connected therewith I made the following summary, viz.:

"The question seems to be whether a Thrice Potent Grand Master, without consent of the Supreme Council, or its Deputy, can change at his pleasure the place of holding the stated meetings of his Lodge of Perfection after that place has been determined by the Body, either by definite action or usage."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, after a careful exam-

ination of the whole subject, dismissed the appeal and made the following declaration, viz.:—

"It is apparent from a mere statement of the case that the decision of the Deputy is right.

FIRST: The Charter of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection directs that it shall be 'located at Lancaster,' and its place of meeting must be within the corporate limits of that city. 'Tell's Hain Hall' being outside of these limits, it necessarily follows that a meeting held there without dispensation, even though within the territory over which the Body had jurisdiction, is irregular and void.

SECOND: The place provided by the Lodge for holding meetings is the regular place of meeting, even though the By-Laws be silent on the subject, and, until a change be duly made by the Lodge, all meetings must be held there, except in clear case of necessity and when authorized by a proper dispensation.

THIRD: The order of the Deputy that all meetings of the Lodge should be held at the place provided for that purpose, except in cases of necessity and when authorized by proper dispensation, was binding on the Lodge until reversed: any action taken by a Lodge or any officer thereof in violation of an order of the Deputy for the State on a subject over which he has jurisdiction, is irregular and void. Such orders must be obeyed, even though believed to be erroneous, until reversed by the S.·.C.·. or by the S.·.G.·.C.·."

I am quite satisfied that the action of the Thrice Potent Grand Master was taken under an erroneous opinion as to his powers, and a belief that he had the sanction of a decision of our late Deputy; and not from any intention to disregard constituted authority, and the incident is now stated for the purpose only of guiding others.

The Thrice Potent Grand Master has intimated to me a

desire for a Grand Visitation to Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, and I have arranged to make one next Tuesday, December 8, to which I look forward with the greatest pleasure.

The action taken by Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation in relation to uniformity of minutes, was referred by the Supreme Council to the Committee on Constitution and Laws, to report next year.

VISITATIONS.

On February 4, 1899, upon a petition signed by the requisite number of brethren of the proper grade, and the payment of the constitutional fee, a dispensation was issued by our Sovereign Grand Commander to open and hold a Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret at Coudersport, Potter County, Pennsylvania. On May 10, 1899, accompanied by Illustrious Brothers George C. Johnstone, 33°, Charles M. Johnstone, 32°, James McLaren, 32°, James H. Horner, 32°, and John E. Haines, 32°, all of Pittsburg, Pa., it was my privilege to visit Coudersport, Pa., where we attended a meeting of Coudersport Lodge of Perfection and witnessed the conferring of 4° to 13° in ample form, and the 14° in full ceremonial form by Illustrious Brother Warren B. Brightman, 32°, assisted by the other officers, upon a class of twenty-two (22) candidates.

On the following day, May 11, the Deputy, assisted by the brethren from Pittsburg, constituted Coudersport Council of Princes of Jerusalem, under its charter, and installed the following officers :

M.·.E.·.S.·.P.·.G.·.M.·.	Ill.·.Isaac P. Collins, 32°.
G.·.H.·.P.·.D.·.G.·.M.·.	" John Ormerod, 32°.
M.·.E.·.J.·.G.·.W.·.	" James L. Knox, 32°.
Val.·.G.·.Treasurer	" Sanford H. Lewis, 32°.
Val.·.Grand Secretary	" William W. Thompson, 32°.

Val.·.Grand Almoner	Ill.·.Willis I. Lewis, 32°.
Val.·.Grand M.·. of E.·.	" Alonzo R. Moore, 18°.
Val.·.Grand Tyler	" William Shear, 18°.

The M.·.E.·.S.·.G.·.W.·., Ill.·.George C. Marion, 32°, and Valorous Grand M.·. of C.·., John B. Coulston, 18°, not being present, were not installed.

The following members were also present, and, with the officers present, accepted the charter:

Milton J. Potter,	Harry W. Nelson,
James H. Dexter,	Edgar W. Robinson,
Saul Deiches,	A. Sidney Lyman,
Harry A. Scoville,	Rodney L. Nichols,
C. Henry Carstens,	Warren B. Brightman,
Seymour Hood,	I. Henry Mott,
Walton K. Swetland,	Carlyle Wolferd,
F. Gurney Rees,	Lolon R. Bliss,
Frank E. Horton,	George W. Stevens,
Nelson H. Goodsell,	Coleman Smith.

After the constitution of the Council and installation of officers, petitions were approved and the 15° and 16° were conferred in full ceremonial form by the officers of the Council upon a class of 33 candidates.

On the same day, May 11, the Deputy, assisted by the brethren of Pittsburg, constituted Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix, under its charter, and installed the following officers:

M.·.W.·. and P.·.M.·.,	Ill.·.Sanford H. Lewis, 32°,
M.·.E.·. and P.·.K.·.S.·.W.·.,	" Warren B. Brightman, 32°,
M.·.E.·. and P.·.K.·.J.·.W.·.,	" Walton K. Swetland, 32°,
M.·.E.·. and K.·.P.·.G.·.O.·.,	" James H. Dexter, 32°,
R.·. and P.·.K.·. Treasurer,	" Willis I. Lewis, 32°,
R.·. and P.·. K.·. Secretary,	" William W. Thompson, 32°,
R.·. and P.·.K.·. Hospitaler,	" James L. Knox, 32°,
R.·. and P.·.K.·.M.·. of Cer.·.,	" Milton J. Potter, 32°,
R.·. and P.·.K.·. Tyler.·.,	" William Shear, 18°.

The R.·. and P.·.K.·.Capt.·. of the Guard, Ill.·. John B. Coulston, 18°, not being present, was not installed.

The following members were also present, and, with the officers present, accepted the charter:

Edgar W. Robinson,
Saul Deiches,
A. Sidney Lyman,
Rodney L. Nichols,
Seymour Hood,
I. Henry Mott,
Lolon R. Bliss,
George W. Stevens,
Major Weimar,
Harry W. Nelson,
Harry A. Scoville,
John V. Miller,
C. Henry Carstens,
T. Gurney Rees,
Frank E. Horton,
Nelson H. Goodsell.

After the constitution of the Chapter and installation of officers, petitions were approved and the 17° and 18° were conferred in full ceremonial form by the Deputy, assisted by the officers of the Chapter and the others accompanying him, upon a class of 32 candidates.

On the following day, May 12, a Consistory of S.·.P.·.R.·.S.·., 32°, was opened under the dispensation of Coudersport Consistory S.·.P.·.R.·.S.·., 32°, by Illustrious Isaac P. Collins, 32°, as Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, with officers as follows:—

Ill.·.Isaac P. Collins, 32°,	Ill.·.Com.·.-in-Chief.
" Warren B. Brightman, 32°,	" First Lt.·.-Com.
" Walton K. Swetland, 32°,	" Second Lt.·.-Com.
" John Ormerod, 32°,	" M.·. of S.·. and G.·.O.·.
" Willis I. Lewis, 32°,	" G.·.Chancellor.
" Sanford H. Lewis, 32°,	" Gr.·.Treasurer.
" William W. Thompson, 32°,	" Gr.·.Secretary.
" Milton J. Potter, 32°,	" Gr.·.E. and A.·.
" James L. Knox, 32°,	" Gr.·.Hospitaler.
" Homer K. Lane, 32°,	" Gr. C. of G.·.
" James H. Dexter, 32°,	" Gr.·.Sentinel.

And with additional brethren mentioned in the dispensation, present, as follows: Illus.·.Lucien W. Dunn, Charles K. Crawford, E. W. Dalrymple, Carlton R. Bard and Frederick E. Rowley.

The following named brethren named in dispensation being absent: George C. Marion, Samuel W. Crittenden, Nathan R. Bard, Henry W. Williams, Solomon R. Dresser and A. D. Payne.

Petitions were approved and a class of 98 candidates were present and received in ample form, conferred by the Deputy, the degrees from 19° to 29° inclusive, and an explanation of all the attributes of the degrees and the meaning of the words and modes of recognition. Afterwards the 30°, 31° and 32° degrees were conferred in full ceremonial form by the Deputy, with the assistance of the brethren accompanying him and those of the Coudersport Consistory.

The second reunion of the Rite in the Valley of Coudersport closed with a banquet, and we took our departure feeling that the enthusiasm there is unabated and that the cause of the Rite is in good hands.

Action should be taken at this time on the application for a charter for Coudersport Consistory, previous to its presentation to the Supreme Council.

The brethren in the Valley of Philadelphia most kindly invited me to make them a Grand Visitation in June and I most gladly made all my arrangements to do so, but a few days beforehand the sudden and most serious sickness of a friend compelled me to cancel the engagement at the earnest representation of my friend's physician, who had no doubt that my absence from Pittsburg might be most disastrous to his patient. Words cannot express my disappointment.

At the Forty-seventh Annual Reunion of the Bodies of the Rite in the Valley of Pittsburg, held during the third week of November, I was a constant attendant, and during the Reunion, in company with Ill.·.William Gibson, 33°, Active

member of the Supreme Council for Canada, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and

Brenton D. Babcock, 33°, Cleveland, O., Deputy for Ohio.
Frank M. Highley, 33°, Philadelphia, Pa., Active Member of our Supreme Council.
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33°, Philadelphia, Pa., Past Ill.·.Com.·.-in-Chief, Philadelphia.
Warren La Rue Thomas, 33°, Baltimore, Md.
Carroll F. Clapp, 33°, Warren, Ohio, Past Grand Master, Ohio.
John M. Stull, 33°, Warren, Ohio, Pres't Masonic Home, Ohio.
George W. Guthrie, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., Active Member of our Supreme Council.
Americus V. Holmes, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., Grand Treasurer, Pittsburg.
Alfred S. Bishop, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., T.·.P.·.G.·.M.·., Pittsburg.
Henry H. Arnold, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa.
George C. Johnstone, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., M.·.E.·.Sov.·.P.·.G.·.M.·., Pittsburg.
Harry W. Dunlap, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa.
Arthur B. Wigley, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., Past T.·.P.·.G.·.M.·.
W. H. Slack, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., D.·.D.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Lodge, Pennsylvania.
G. P. Balmain, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., Past T. P. G. M.
James Kerr, Jr., 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., Past T.·.P.·.G.·.M.·.
W. B. Meredith, 33°, Kittanning, Pa., D.·.D.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Lodge, Pennsylvania.
J. M. Clapp, 33°, Washington, D. C.
Lee S. Smith, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., Ill.·.Com.·.-in-Chief, Pennsylvania Consistory, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. H. Kuhn, 33°, Johnstown, Pa.
M. H. Henderson, 33°, New Castle, Pa., Past Grand Master, Pennsylvania.

I made them a Grand Visitation and was most cordially received and welcomed in my official capacity as Deputy of the Supreme Council by Ill.·. James W. Brown, 33°, Pittsburg, Pa., M.·.W.·. and P.·.Master, presiding.

The work of the Reunion will no doubt be fully presented to you by the presiding officers of the Bodies.

A large number of visitors honored the Bodies by their presence and good fellowship reigned supreme without a single discordant note. Such events are very far-reaching in their influence for good, which cannot be calculated or even estimated, apart from the great intellectual benefit. The work was considered the best that had ever been done in the Valley of Pittsburg, and the Reunion the most enthusiastic.

During the year the Deputy has been called upon for several dispensations for elections, and also for degrees, owing to the admirable custom prevalent of holding reunions. In all cases I am assured that the greatest precaution has been taken as to the character of the candidates, which is indicated, in a measure, by the rejections.

Your attention is again called to the difficulty of arriving at the exact jurisdiction of the respective Bodies. Two years ago your Committee presented a report merely defining the limits geographically, as nearly as possible, within the existing provisions of the Supreme Council Constitution, which was laid over to give time for proper consideration and amendments. Last year it was agreed that Bodies of the Rite be recognized as having exclusive jurisdiction within the counties where they are severally located, and concurrent jurisdiction in the remaining counties, but the action was afterwards reconsidered and recommitted. It is to be hoped that you may be able to agree upon an equitable method at this session.

Your attention is also directed to our present rules and regulations. The discussion last year seemed to indicate that they contained matter that is not properly subject to enactment by a Council of Deliberation and it may be well for you to consider whether or not they should be revised, either by our Standing Committee or by a special Committee.

Your attention is also directed to the subject of the taxes upon our Subordinate Bodies for the Council of Deliberation. The Constitution of our Supreme Council, Article 57, Section 3, provides in relation to Councils of Deliberation as follows :

"It shall have power to levy such taxes upon the Bodies within its District as it may deem necessary for its proper support, but not to include expenses of, nor compensation to, any officer or member of the Council, for attendance thereupon. Funds now held by any Council shall continue to be held for the purposes for which they were created, and all taxes heretofore levied by any Council are hereby confirmed."

The rules and regulations of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, Article 6, Section 1 :—

"For the support of the Council each Subordinate Body in the District shall annually, within sixty days from the first day of December, pay to the Illustrious Grand Treasurer a sum equal to ten cents for each member in good standing at that date; provided, that in such years in which no session of the Council is held, the payment shall be at the rate of three cents for each member in good standing."

During the year ending November 30, 1898, these taxes produced $1240.50, while our expenditure only amounted to $565.75, and our estimated appropriations for the ensuing year only amounted to $802.50.

At the close of the same year we had investments and cash in our permanent fund amounting to $4562.32 and balance in general fund of $555.96, total $5118.28. If any real necessity should arise for the creation of a fund for the use of our Council of Deliberation, we can have no doubt that our large membership in Pennsylvania will loyally meet the necessity by a liberal response. In the meantime, our only consideration would seem to be what

the Constitution of our Supreme Council contemplates, viz.:—"our proper support," and it is a very serious question for you to consider whether or not, if we go beyond that, we exceed the authority conferred upon us as a Council of Deliberation by the Supreme Council.

NEW LODGE OF PERFECTION.

Ill.·.Henry L Palmer, 33°, our Sovereign Grand Commander, has issued a dispensation, dated November 17, 1899, for a Lodge of Perfection to be located at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and I hope to deliver the same and have them begin their work at an early date.

Eleven years ago, our Deputy in his report to the Supreme Council, referred to the advisability of organizing Lodges of Perfection in various localities. In our Ritual we have been taught that it is our duty "to enlighten and instruct," and in no way can this duty, it seems to me, be fulfilled as well as by making the benign teachings of our Rite more accessible to the Craft at large.

There are very few counties in our District of Pennsylvania that cannot, it would seem, support a Lodge of Perfection, but there might, at least, be one to every three or four counties, suitably located.

Let the members of the Rite in a locality confer together and by a majority—if not unanimously—agree upon a location, and then apply for a dispensation, as provided in the Constitution of the Supreme Council, and it will not be long until we will see the Rite occupying even a more commanding position in Pennsylvania than it at present so enviably occupies. Who will be the first to apply?

It may be of interest to you to know that I have had prepared a complete roster of all the members of the Rite in Pennsylvania, numbering as stated heretofore, properly indexed, so that in a moment any name can be verified.

To complete it we will need the names of rejected petitioners, suspensions, resignations and deceased members, for which I expect to call at an early date, when I trust there will be a prompt response, as it is most important that our records should be complete.

We meet under bright skies. Peace and harmony prevail within our borders, and our Bodies report themselves prosperous in every way.

Commending you to your labors for the Rite.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN,

Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief and Deputy for Pennsylvania.

In Memoriam.

Ill.·.Brother Joseph Eichbaum, 33°, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33d and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

There are places which seem to suggest the Free Mason's art more than others, and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, may be considered one of these, where, still able to pursue life's endeavor, Brother Joseph Eichbaum entered into rest on Saturday, April 15, A. D. 1899. The tributes to his memory have been exhaustive, and there can be little more said, except to emphasize what may have already been said or written. He was able to pursue his active life almost to the moment of his death, and even then he was spared all but momentary suffering. For many years he had been one of Pittsburg's foremost citizens and most highly respected business men, as his father had been before him. His social relations were pleasant to him, and he was a man of generous impulses. He had been engaged in his usual business pursuits until the evening hour which usually closed his day of toil, and was apparently in the best of health, seeming as jubilant as ever and claiming that he did not allow himself to feel old, whatever his years might be. One of the last things attended to by him indicated his warm and thoughtful affection for his grand-children. During the afternoon, his little favorite grand-daughter, while playing in the neighborhood, had met with a serious accident, and when he arrived home in the evening he was greatly affected, and, after remaining in the room where she was for a short time, he bade her good night, and hoped that she would be better in the morning. Shortly after, his older grand-child was called to his side by his falling in the bath-room, and when she called her mother they found him suffering from apoplexy, from which he never recovered.

Our brother's business career attracted much attention, and elicited the following comprehensive statement at his death :—

"Brother Eichbaum was born on Second Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., March 4, 1827, and was the son of William Eichbaum, one of the foremost citizens at that time who made Pittsburg's place in history, and who came to the country late in the last century. William Eichbaum came to Pittsburg from the eastern part of the State, when there were less than one hundred houses in Pittsburg. He was the first printer's and binder's apprentice in Pittsburg, and as soon as possible became a partner in the house where his trade was learned. He sold books issued from his establishment along the Ohio River, as far south as Louisville, from an open boat, before steamboats were run on the river. He conceived the idea of slackwatering the Monongahela River, and was the first president of the Monongahela Navigation Company. He also invented the first machine for ruling writing paper, as well as a process for rolling sheet iron. He was one of the committee, appointed in 1824, to receive Lafayette on his visit to Pittsburg, and in the same year was made postmaster of the city, which office he held for nine years. In 1857 he was made City Treasurer, and served as such for nine years also, until 1866, when he died in office. For almost twenty-five years he had been in one or the other branch of Councils. One of his greatest works was the first publication of Napoleon's Autobiography. A supporter of the great Emperor brought the copy to America, because he was afraid to attempt its publication in Europe. The Frenchman landed in Baltimore, and William Eichbaum was recommended to him as a good and safe printer. The copy was brought across the mountains to Pittsburg, and the book was published here about 1836.

Brother Joseph Eichbaum received the usual education accorded to city youths in the early part of the century. Though his parents were possessed of abundant wealth, his spirit of independence was early shown, and he started out to hew his own way in life. From his early associations in the printing business, through the office of his father, he made it the business of his life, though not until he had spent several years in other lines of work. He had stated that his first employer was Sidney F. Von Bonnhorst, from whom he received a breast-pin as a present, and which he had worn since 1845, although he was employed in a tannery on January 1, 1842. From the tannery he went to Mr. Von Bonnhorst's wholesale grocery on April 10, 1845, then on the Missouri River in March, 1851, as a clerk on a line of packet and freight boats, where he re-

mained until February, 1852, when he went to a boiler manufactory, from which he returned to the river in March, 1854. In December, 1857, he associated himself with his cousin, and they continued in business together as W. G. Johnston & Co. for a period of nearly twenty-three years, until March 16, 1881, when Bro. Eichbaum retired from the firm, and, associating himself with Past Master Bro. George P. Balmain, bought out a plant at 48 (now 242) Fifth Avenue, where the firm of Joseph Eichbaum & Co. began and continued to flourish from its inception. Business was done by them on a large scale. The firm aimed at the highest grade of work, and became widely known, and Bro. Eichbaum was its leading spirit. About a year ago Bro. Balmain retired, since which Bro. Eichbaum had exclusive control of the business. With the increased duties his work became all the more burdensome, requiring even closer attention to business, notwithstanding his advanced years, so that his continued exuberance of spirit and unvarying cheerfulness were the more remarkable.

From Maine to California the fame of Bro. Eichbaum as a job printer and a leader among master printers has spread. In 1891 he was elected president of the Master Printers' Association of Pittsburg, better known as the local 'Typothetæ,' and with each succeeding year he has been re-elected to the position, and his death leaves the local organization without a head for the time being. Not only locally was Bro. Eichbaum of prominence in printing circles, but two years ago, at a meeting of the 'National Typothetæ' in Nashville, he was elected vice-president of the national body. There has not been a national convention of the master printers to which Bro. Eichbaum was not elected to act as a delegate from the Pittsburg district. While there were some meetings which he did not attend, he was conspicuous at the conventions at Toronto, Canada, at Cincinnati and Nashville. His life was wrapped up in his work, and his ideas and comments were always listened to with great respect by his fellow business men throughout the country.

Bro. Eichbaum was one of the organizers of the old Masonic Bank, on Smithfield Street, and when it was changed to the Lincoln National Bank, a few years ago, he continued as one of its directors. He was also one of the organizers of the Columbia National Bank, and was identified with other financial institutions in the city. He was one of the trustees of the 'Knights Templar

and Masonic Mutual Aid Association, of Cincinnati, Ohio.' He was a prominent member of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce, and his judgment on questions arising was greatly esteemed.

His record as a business man was a clean one, and his reputation among those with whom he did businesss always of the best. Referring to him, another of our Pittsburg papers said: 'He was one of the business men in whom Pittsburg took great pride, and he has been prominently identified with all movements of the city for more than half a century.'

Bro. Eichbaum was married quite early in life to Rebecca Nicholson, from one of Pittsburg's best families. She composed beautifully, and a poem entitled 'The North Wind,' produced during her school days, gave early evidence of a natural talent as an authoress, which might have made her noted but for other activities. About five years ago she died, and since then their daughter, Mrs. John W. Banks, has tenderly cared for her father. Three sons also survive."

In Freemasonry, perhaps no one was more prominently or favorably known than Bro. Eichbaum, and he found the greatest pleasure of his life in serving our Fraternity. He was never weary in doing and assisting its members, and came to be regarded as authority on its laws and teachings.

He was initiated as a Mason, December 20, 1853, and was made a Master Mason March 9, 1854, in St. John's Lodge, No. 219, F. & A. M.

The first office Bro. Eichbaum held in Freemasonry was that of Senior Warden of St. John's Lodge, to which he was elected December 8, 1859. The following year he was elected to the office of Worshipful Master of the same Lodge, and served as such for two years. On March 24, 1869, he was appointed Secretary of St. John's Lodge, pro tem, and elected the following December, which office he held until the close of 1872, when he declined re-election. He was appointed Treasurer pro tem, February 10, 1879, to which office he was subsequently elected and held up to the time of his death.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for the Seventeenth Masonic District, December 27, 1877, and served continuously until he was elected Junior Grand Warden in December, 1880, which office he held for two years, subsequently serving successively as Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Mas-

ter and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for terms of two years each.

Bro. Eichbaum was installed as Grand Master at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge on December 27, 1886, following the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which had taken place September 25, 1886.

His address on the occasion of his installation was indicative of the plain, genuine, modest man that he was. In speaking of the "wise and able men" who had been his predecessors, he said, "they saw proper to adhere closely to that which they had received, and eschewed all innovations and what are called 'modern improvements' in the plan of Freemasonry."

From that he never turned aside. He was always jealous for the simplicity of the Craft and set his face resolutely against everything in the shape of innovations. During his term of office as Grand Master, he was called upon to act in many difficult matters, and frequently had to take up warrants, and his action was always prompt and decisive and yet considerate. Perhaps the most important and far reaching action of this character was that which was followed by an edict which removed a District Deputy Grand Master and stamped Cerneauism as clandestine, and as one of the present officers of the Grand Lodge recently wrote, "he was equal to the occasion." His conservative and prudent course gained for him not only the commendation of his own Jurisdiction, but also made his name favorably known throughout the Craft at large in the United States and the world.

He had for many years been the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, until the appointment of Grand Representatives was abandoned in Pennyslvania.

He recognized the usefulness of and took the greatest interest in the Temple School of Instruction, as well as the similar institution at Pittsburg, and frequently visited and inspected the work performed.

His Grand Visitations were numerous and extended throughout the Jurisdiction and also to Grand Lodges of other Jurisdictions, and were productive of great good.

During his term, the Twentieth Masonic District was divided and the Thirty-second Masonic District created from part of it, and the Masonic Art Association of the Temple, which was instituted by devoted brethren during his term of office, was encouraged by him.

He laid several corner stones and notably, on September 11, 1888, that of the new Freemason's Hall, at Pittsburg, on the site of the previous building, which had been destroyed by fire, August 12, 1887.

On his retirement from the office as R. W. Grand Master, members of St. John's Lodge, No. 219, F. & A. M., honored themselves by presenting to the Lodge his portrait, which was the only one of a living Mason on the walls of the Lodge room, and the presentation was made at the first stated meeting of the Lodge in the new hall, on Thursday evening, April 11, 1889, by R. W. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, on behalf of the donors. In making the presentation, Bro. Whitehead made the following statement: "The most astonishing item in his Blue Lodge history is that for twenty-one consecutive years he never missed a meeting of the Lodge, except one, and that was because of a wedding—not his own, either. What a repository of secrets he must have become by that time ; what a sage in all Masonic lore he must have been and yet remains ; they were years fruitful of results, such punctuality and fidelity found their merited recognition." Further on in his address, Bro. Whitehead said "Not one of us can fully appreciate what these facts really indicate ; how much they mean of patient, painstaking study, labor, travel, counsel and endurance. To be Worshipful Master is to occupy no sinecure, but an office which imposes great responsibilities and much careful labor, as all know by experience who have filled the chair at the East. To serve as District Deputy Grand Master is to be always busy and to give oneself no rest in the furtherance of the well-being of all within the district ; to be, above all, Grand Master in such a Jurisdiction as this to which we belong, is to pass days of ceaseless labor and nights of anxiety. To be always planning and studying, counselling and directing, with scant sympathy sometimes and with too little help ; and only a painstaking, loyal, devoted brother can faithfully and successfully serve in any of these offices. The qualities of mind and heart which such a one must possess are comparatively rare, and are therefore sure to be conspicuous in one, who, like our Past Right Worshipful Grand Master, has filled all these high positions with distinguished honor and success. And such a man, such a character, is not to be commended for himself alone, but that for which he stands. He is the representative of Freemasonry in its best estate. What he is, every Freemason ought to be ; the truths and

lessons of the fraternity have found such expression in him as should be found in every brother.''

At the time of his death, Bro. Eichbaum was a member of the Committee on Landmarks of the Grand Lodge, and Chairman of the trustees of the title to the Masonic Temple and other real estate of the Grand Lodge, besides being the representative of St. John's Lodge to the Grand Lodge.

In his last will and testament, referring to his Grand Master's jewel, which had been presented to him by Philadelphia friends, he said that it represented the greatest honor he ever received, and we refer to this here because we believe that it would have pleased him to know that we would do so.

Bro. Eichbaum was also a charter member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Allegheny County, and held the office of Treasurer. He was one of the founders of the Masonic Consolidated Charity Fund, an association of representatives of all the Masonic Lodges of Pittsburg, for benevolent purposes, which had originally been suggested by St. John's Lodge, to which he belonged, as early as 1853, the year he was initiated. He also interested himself in the purchase of a cemetery lot by his Lodge, many years ago, which was originally intended as a general property for the Lodges of Pittsburg, but which was afterward taken up by St. John's Lodge alone. It has since been used by the fraternity at large, although still the property of the Lodge. He was one of the most active in arranging and providing for the erection of the present Freemason's Hall, on Fifth Avenue, which was dedicated just after he had filled the office of Grand Master. He was largely instrumental in organizing the Masonic Library Association. He was a trustee of the Masonic Fund Society, the corporation which owns Freemason's Hall, of Allegheny County in Pittsburg, a property worth a very large sum of money. He was active in almost every movement that has interested the fraternity in Pittsburg for almost the last fifty years, and a history of Freemasonry in that city during that period is largely a history of Bro. Eichbaum.

It is not a little remarkable that, at the request of his Lodge, he prepared and delivered at a stated meeting, last Thursday evening, a historical sketch of Freemasonry in Pittsburg, in the preparation of which he had taken the keenest interest. It was considered a most admirable production.

His influence in the Masonic fraternity was very great, not only in Western Pennsylvania, but also in Philadelphia, where his Masonic

qualities and services to the Craft received the greatest recognition.

He was a man of the most positive convictions, and, while perfectly just and very tender-hearted, could not be moved from his administration of what he believed to be right. Probably no man ever left a more satisfactory record as Grand Master.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason, June 11, 1855, in Zerubbabel Chapter R. A. M., No. 162 ; and on August 17, 1870, in company with our venerated Bro. William H. Slack, 33°, he was made a Royal and Select Master in Grand Council at Williamsport, Pa. He became a Knight Templar, Oct. 17, 1864, in Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, and in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, received the Thirty-second degree in the Pennsylvania Consistory, June 19, 1867, and the Thirty-third degree in the Supreme Council, September 25, 1883.

He was elected Scribe in Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162, December 4, 1865, and served the following year as King of the same Chapter, but declined election as High Priest. He was one of the charter members of Shiloh Chapter, No. 257, and elected Treasurer of the same in December, 1876, in which office he served continuously until the close of 1881, when he was elected High Priest. At the conclusion of his year of service as High Priest, Bro. Eichbaum was again elected Treasurer of the Chapter, in which office he also served until the time of his death. He was elected Treasurer of the Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Pittsburg, in 1880, and continued to serve until February, 1894, when he retired from the office.

He was especially popular with the younger members of the Masonic fraternity, to whom he was always considerate and by whom he was usually called "Uncle Joe." He was a most genial and companionable man, and many will miss his kindly ways and widespreading charity, which made him attractive to so many. In all the offices he held and in connection with the vast sums of money expended through him, there was nothing but the strictest integrity practised, and he was faithful in every duty. By his death the Masonic fraternity of the State loses one of its staunchest supporters and ablest members.

St. John's Lodge, No. 219, F. & A. M., which he had served so long and faithfully, held commemorative services at Freemason's Hall, at noon, on Tuesday, April 18, and they were attended by an enormous concourse, probably the largest assemblage of the Masonic Craft that ever came together for such a purpose. There were present on this

occasion William D. McIlroy, 32°, Worshipful Master; T. J. Haworth, 32°, Senior Warden ; W. K. Cubbage, 32°, Junior Warden, and the other officers in their respective stations and places, besides almost all the Past Masters of the Lodge. Among the prominent Masons in attendance were : Right Worshipful Acting Grand Master, George E. Wagner, 32°, of Philadelphia ; Right Worshipful Acting Senior Grand Warden, James W. Brown, 33°, of Pittsburg ; Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, William A. Sinn, of Philadelphia ; Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, Right Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., 32° ; Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, M. H. Henderson, 33°, of New Castle, Pa.; Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, William J. Kelley, of Philadelphia ; District Deputy Grand Master, W. M. Hamilton, 32°, of Pittsburg ; District Deputy Grand Master, W. H. Slack, 33°, of Allegheny ; Ill. George B. Orlady, 32°, of Huntingdon, Pa.; Past Master, William Chatland, 32°, of Brownsville, Pa.; Past Grand Master Knights Templar in United States, W. LaRue Thomas, 33°, of Baltimore, Md., and Bro. Charles W. Hatter, of Baltimore, Md., a life-long friend ; Past Master William Halpin, who was initiated in Freemasonry in 1853, the same year as the deceased, and as Master of Ceremonies took part in conferring the First degree on him, and Past Master, James E. Stevenson, 32°, who was initiated by Bro. Eichbaum when W. M., feelingly represented the Lodge's irreparable loss.

It is needless to refer to the other fervent tributes paid upon this occasion by all those who knew him so well.

The church services at the residence were conducted by the Rev. Solon Cobb, D. D., Pastor of the Point Breeze Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburg. The services at the grave were conducted by the R. W. Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Chaplain and officers of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Sovereign Grand Inspector-General and Deputy for Pennsylvania.

On motion of Ins.-Gen. Frank M. Highley, 33°, it was

Resolved, 1. That so much of the address of the Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief as relates to the condition of the Rite be referred to the Standing Committee on the State of the Rite.

2. That so much as refers to Jurisprudence and Laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

3. So much as refers to Finance to the Committee on Finance.

Agreeably to a resolution adopted at the *Ninth Annual Session* of the Council, the representatives of the different Bodies were called upon for reports as to the state of the Rite in their respective Valleys, when the following were presented and read :—

PITTSBURG, December 1, 1899.

ILL. JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation A. A. S. R.

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER :—As Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Consistory, located in the Valley of Pittsburg, I have the honor of presenting herewith my third annual report.

In doing so, I wish to acknowledge the overruling Providence of our kind Heavenly Father, who has vouchsafed to us a most happy and prosperous year, and, considering our large membership, but a reasonable mortality.

The statistical part of this report will show that prosperity has been with us, and I am happy to state that peace and harmony were her companions.

In accordance with our usual custom, we conferred the degrees upon two classes during the year, familiarly known as the Spring and Fall classes.

The Spring class consisted of thirty-six and the Fall class of 133, making a grand total of 169 during the year. This number, added to our previous membership, after making deductions for suspensions, deaths, and withdrawals, leaves our present membership, December 1, 1899, 1,534.

It might be thought that with such a large increase in membership the brethren were lax in seeking to increase in membership regardless as to quality ; but such is not the case. The regular

meetings of the Rite are well attended, and reports on balloting show a discriminating exercise of that prerogative of a Mason. More than that, the quality of the material admitted to the Bodies further attests that fact.

Upon our Spring class we conferred in full ceremonial more than the required number of degrees, communicating the balance, while at our Fall reunion, held under your dispensation from Nov. 21 to 24, known as our 47th Annual Reunion, we conferred all the degrees, from the 4th to the 32d in full, except the 24th, which was, for satisfactory reasons, omitted upon this occasion.

Our Fall class was the largest in the history of our Valley, and the attendance of visitors and members was also the largest we have had.

We would call special attention to those in attendance classed as visitors, although some of them have been with us so often that we have almost resolved to adopt them among our own membership, for they are certainly so in spirit, if not in reality.

Our register shows that sixteen different Valleys were represented by sixty-one members thereof; a record to which we point with pride.

Of this large number we can give special mention to but a few of the most prominent.

First on the list comes Illustrious Bro. Brenton D. Babcock, 33°, Deputy for Ohio, who rarely misses one of our reunions, and for whom we look as regularly as the year rolls around.

Next, we were honored for the first time by the presence of Illustrious Bro. William Gibson, 33°, Sov. Gr. Inspector-General and Active member of the Supreme Council of Canada.

We were also honored by the presence of the following Illustrious Brethren, whose faces, although familiar at our reunions, are none the less always welcome :—

Ill. Bro. Frank M. Highley, 33°,
Active Member of the Supreme Council, N. M. J.; Secretary of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, and Grand Secretary of Bodies in the Valley of Philadelphia.

Ill. Bro. George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33°,
Past Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Philadelphia Consistory, Valley of Philadelphia.

Ill. Bro. Richard Maris, 32°,
Grand Treasurer of the Bodies in the Valley of Philadelphia.

Ill. Bro. Warren LaRue Thomas, 33°,
of the Southern Jurisdiction.

The Valleys and other welcome guests at our reunion were as follows :—

Valley of Hamilton, Ont.,
by Ill. Bro. George Moore.

Valley of Philadelphia, Pa., by Illustrious Brothers
John C. Taylor, George B. Wells,
Alexander J. H. Mackie, John A. Bolard.
Murdoch Kendrick,

Valley of Harrisburg, Pa., by Illustrious Brothers
Frank Ridgway, C. F. High.

Valley of Coudersport, Pa., by Illustrious Brothers
J. Henry Mott, W. J. Grandin.

Valley of Bloomsburg, Pa., by Illustrious Brothers
Charles W. Wolfertz, W. F. Borchers.
H. E. Buckingham,

Valley of Cincinnati, Ohio,
by Ill. Bro. D. T. Kroner.

Valley of Dayton, Ohio,
by Ill. Bro. C. H. Schaeffer.

Valley of Cleveland, Ohio, by Illustrious Brothers
Carroll F. Clapp, 33°, John M. Stull, 33°,
J. C. Frederick, S. S. Groner,
H. L. Williams, P. G. Williams,
D. H. Muller, Robert Beall,
J. W. Witwer, W. H. Corlett,
Proctor E. Seas, D. H. Maloney,
W. D. McKeefrey, T. E. Peckinpaugh,
J. A. Cooper, Mason Evans,
H. L. Snyder, A. J. McCartney.
G. W. Ballantine,

Valley of Wheeling, W. Va., by Illustrious Brothers
P. C. Campbell, E. A. Bream,
H. M. Kelley, J. B. Walkinshaw,
T. C. Murphy, W. H. Cheeks,

G. M. Alexander, J. J. Cheeks,
Henry Hickman, R. E. Schubert.

Valley of Milwaukee, Wis.,
by Ill. Bro. Scott W. Derrick.

Valley of Indianapolis, Ind., by Illustrious Brothers
C. M. Travis, Thomas Anderson,
E. M. Jacques, Perry Hood.
Carroll Ghent,

Valley of Minneapolis, Minn.,
by Ill. Bro. W. H. Stott.

Valley of Chicago, Ill.,
by Ill. Bro. James B. Myers.

Valley of Albany, N. Y.,
by Ill. Bro. Joseph W. Smictey.

Valley of Buffalo, N. Y.,
by Ill. Bro. George R. Holtzman.

Valley of New York, N. Y.,
by Ill. Bro. H. Jared Ketcham.

We point with pride to this list of distinguished visitors, and say to each one, "Come again."

While prosperity has visited us and peace and harmony reigned within our borders, yet we must record the sundering of warm earthly ties which bound us to those who during the year have passed through death unto life eternal.

Eighteen of our number have answered the final earthly summons, and we hope have been admitted into the Grand Asylum above, where the Grand Architect of the Universe presides :

John Welsh, 32°, William T. Cannon, 32°,
Noah Speers, 32°, Hilary J. Brunot, 32°,
David M. Jones, 32°, George W. Morris, 32°,
Samuel B. Williams, 32°, William J. Kountz, Jr., 32°,
Joseph Eichbaum, 33°, David P. Estep, 32°,
Carlton H. Covell, 32°, John S. Blazier, 32°,
William L. McBryar, 32°, Stephen M. Reynolds, 32°,
Alfred E. Hunt, 32°, William H. Thomas, 32°,
John Slingluff, 32°, Horace F. Lowry, 32°.

We would make individual mention of three of this roll of honored dead as having attained special prominence in our Valley by reason of services to the Rite :

Ill. Brother Joseph Eichbaum, 33°, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and for many years Grand Treasurer of our Bodies. Bro. Eichbaum was an enthusiastic Mason, devoting almost his entire life to it, and often sacrificing personal interests when they came in contact with those of the Craft. His presence and wise counsel will be greatly missed. An appropriate testimonial and record have been prepared.

Ill. Bro. David P. Estep, 32°, Past Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Consistory, and one to whom much honor is due for faithful services to the Rite in its earlier days when struggling for an existence.

Ill. Bro. Samuel B. Williams, 32°, who served Pennsylvania Consistory as Grand Captain of the Guard for many years, and who, like a true officer, was always at his post when duty called.

Proper record of each will be furnished by our Grand Secretary.

The following is official report to December 1, 1899:

PENNSYLVANIA CONSISTORY, S. P. R. S., 32°.

Our Membership, on December 1, 1898, was		1,401
During the year this was reduced by		
Withdrawals	2	
Suspensions	21	
Deaths	18	
	—	41
Leaving to us from December 1, 1898		1,360
During the year we conferred the degrees on		169
(We conferred the 30°, 31° and 32° on one candidate, who was reported as a 29° in previous report.)		
We restored during the year		3
And added by affiliation		2
Making our membership, on December 1, 1899		1,534

In concluding the report, I would make special mention and heart-felt acknowledgment for the continued aid and assistance of every officer and member of the Bodies in this Valley. Owing to the great amount of minor detail work required by the rituals of the various degrees of the Rite, it would be utterly impossible to give them proper rendition without the earnest support and assistance of the individual membership, and this we have always had without exception. While each officer has been loyal in the fullest

meaning of that word, I feel that I would not do justice did I not refer specially to the able services of our Grand Secretary. No one, unless he be thrown into close official relations with this officer, can at all comprehend his important and responsible relation to the Rite. Suffice it to say that it is my honest opinion that Ill. Bro. John E. Haines may have his equal as Secretary; I do not think he has a superior. Last, but not least, in line of acknowledgments for services rendered, are those due to our Illustrious Deputy himself, of whom it can be truly said that he never thinks any service too onerous, if by rendering same he can serve the Rite.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE STEWART SMITH, 33°,

Ill. Commander-in-Chief.

PITTSBURG, December 1, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy for Pennsylvania.

DEAR SIR AND ILL. BROTHER:—I beg leave to report for Pittsburg Chapter of Rose Croix as follows:—

Membership, December 1, 1898	1,407	
Conferred degrees during year on	166	
Affiliated during year	2	
Restored to membership during year	3	
		1,578
Deduct:—		
Deaths	18	
Withdrawals	2	
Suspensions	21	
	—	41
Membership, December 1, 1899		1,537

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. BROWN, 33°,

Most Wise and Perfect Master.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 4, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILLUSTRIOUS AND DEAR BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit

the following report for Pennsylvania Council, Princes of Jerusalem, for the year 1899:—

Membership, December 1, 1898	1,416	
Initiated during the year	167	
Affiliated during the year	2	
Restored during the year	3	
	———	1,588
Deduct:—		
Died during the year	18	
Withdrawals	2	
Suspensions	22	
	—	42
Membership, December 1, 1899		1,546
Net increase	130	

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE CARUTHERS JOHNSTONE, 33°,

M. E. S. P. G. M.

PITTSBURG, Pa., December 2, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL.. AND DEAR BROTHER:—I have the honor to report for Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., in the Valley of Pittsburg, for the year ended, December 1, 1899, as follows:

Membership, December 1, 1898	1,384	
Initiated during year	170	
Affiliated during year	2	
Restored during year	3	
	———	1,559
Deduct:—		
Deaths	18	
Withdrawals	3	
Suspensions	22	
	—	43
Membership, December 1, 1899		1,516

Yours fraternally,

ALFRED SUTTON BISHOP, 33°,

Thrice Potent Grand Master.

VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief.

It gives me profound pleasure to report that the interest in the A. A. S. Rite in this Valley is still undiminished, and that applicants for the Grades in large numbers are constantly presenting themselves.

During the past year the largest portion of the time has been devoted to the work in the Lodge of Perfection, as so many candidates have been anxious to connect themselves with the Rite.

Since the last meeting of the Council of Deliberation, Philadelphia Sovereign Consistory has held five (5) Rendezvous, and conferred from the 19° to 32° on 54 candidates, and we have a class of 52 for our next meeting, on December 15.

Membership, December 1, 1898	894	
Conferred 19° to 32° upon	54	
Admitted to membership	2	
		950
Deduct :—		
Died	16	
Resigned	3	
Suspended	7	
Suspended by Blue Lodge	1	
		27
Membership, December 1, 1899		923

Financially, we are in a very healthy condition. Notwithstanding our prosperity, and the large addition to our ranks, the silent reaper has been busy, and has stricken from our roll sixteen Illustrious Princes. Many of them were active workers in the several Masonic Bodies of which they were members.

We mourn their separation from us, but we believe they have gone to receive a white stone, with a new name written therein which "no man knoweth, save he who receiveth it."

Listen to the roll call of the departed Princes, all of the 32° :

John Calvin Rice, 32°,	Died	January 24, 1899
Charles Leamy Hale, 32°,	"	February 9, "
James Reese, 32°,	"	February 13, "
Thomas Henry Dillon, 32°,	"	February 18, "
Frederic Beasley Vandegrift, 32°,	"	March 7, "
William James Benners, 32°,	"	March 27, "

William Henry Baker, 32°, . . .	Died	April 23, 1899
William Stahler, 32°, ...	"	May 12, "
Andrew John Kauffman, 32°, . .	"	May 19, "
William James Scott, 32°, ...	"	June 18, "
Louis Maloney, 32°, ...	"	July 31, "
Robert Cottingham, 32°, ...	"	August 18, "
James Phyfe Malseed, 32°, . . .	"	September 4, "
Harrison Jefferson Hunsicker, 32°,	"	September 5, "
Christine Weldy, 32°, ...	"	October 4, "
Andrew Thornton Gayley, 32°, .	"	November 25, "

Of these departed Princes, Andrew John Kauffman was well known in the Valley of Pennsylvania. The obituary notices and the eulogies from the various Masonic Bodies of which he was a member, truthfully tell of his noble character as a man and a Prince Mason.

The Consistory has had painted a life-size portrait of our late Illustrious Grand Treasurer, John Sartain, 33°, and it now hangs upon the wall, at the station of the Treasurer, which he so honorably and faithfully occupied for so many years.

Throughout our entire ranks the Illustrious brethren exemplify the spirit of true brotherhood. The sincere thought is, who best can work, and best agree, prevail. The year has passed swiftly, yet peacefully by, without a single discordant note being heard in all the Valley; holding in sincerity the cherished remembrances of the virtue and worth of our martyred Grand Master, and his dying words, "Spes-mea-in-Deo-est"—a priceless and precious legacy.

SAMUEL IRVIN GIVIN, 33°,

Ill. Commander-in-Chief.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. AND DEAR BRO.:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the work of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, for the year ending November 30, 1899:—

Membership, November 30, 1898	921	
Conferred 17° and 18° upon	83	
Admitted to membership	2	
	——	1,006
Deduct:—		
Deaths	16	
Suspensions	7	
Suspended by Blue Lodge	1	
Resigned	3	
	——	27
Membership, December 1, 1899		979

Five meetings of the Chapter were held during the year. Deaths were as follows:—

John Calvin Rice, 32°; Charles Leamy Hale, 32°; James Reese, 32°; Thomas Henry Dillon, 32°; Frederic Beasley Vandegrift, 32°; William James Benners, 32°; William Henry Baker, 32°; William Stahler, 32°; Andrew John Kauffman, 32°; William James Scott, 32°; Louis Maloney, 32°; Robert Cottingham, 32°; James Phyfe Malseed, 32°; Harrison Jefferson Hunsicker, 32°; Christine Weldy, 32°; Andrew Thornton Gayley, 32°.

Fraternally submitted,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS, 33°,

Most Wise and Perfect Master.

PHILADELPHIA, December 4, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy for the State of Pennsylvania.

ILL. AND DEAR BRO.:—DeJoinville Council of Princes of Jerusalem has held five meetings during the past year, at which times the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Grades were conferred in full. Especial praise and thanks are due Valorous Knights

George B. Wells,	George Hale,
Joseph Butler,	Lewis L. Forbes,
John C. Tayler,	John A. Bolard,
Harry K. Leech,	Robert J. Linden,
Edward T. Alburger,	Charles S. Wood.

for the zeal and intelligence shown by them in the presentation of their several parts.

Death has also visited our ranks and taken from us :—

John Calvin Rice, 32°,	January 24, 1899
Charles Leamy Hale, 32°,	February 9, "
James Reese, 32°,	February 13, "
Thomas Henry Dillon, 32°,	February 18, "
Frederic Beasley Vandegrift, 32°,	March 7, "
William James Benners, 32°,	March 27, "
William Henry Baker, 32°,	April 23, "
William Stahler, 32°,	May 12, "
Andrew John Kauffman, 32°,	May 19, "
William James Scott, 32°,	June 18, "
Louis Maloney, 32°,	July 31, "
Robert Cottingham, 32°,	August 18, "
James Phyfe Malseed, 32°,	September 4, "
Harrison Jefferson Hunsicker, 32°,	September 5, "
Christine Weldy, 32°,	October 4, "
Andrew Thornton Gayley, 32°,	November 25, "

Report of our present condition shows that our

Membership, December 1, 1898, was	943	
Conferred 15° and 16° upon	85	
Admitted to membership	2	
	——	1,030
Deduct :—		
Died	16	
Resigned	3	
Suspended	10	
Suspended by Lodge	1	
	——	30
Membership, December 1, 1899		1,000

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

EDGAR FAHS SMITH, 33°,

M. E. Sov. P. G. Master.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1899.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy for the State of Pennsylvania.

ILLUSTRIOUS AND DEAR SIR :—The time has again arrived for the presentation of some of the acts of the Lodge of Perfection over which it has been my privilege to preside during the past year.

Taken all in all, we have enjoyed a pleasant year. We have met five times, and have conferred the 4°, 6°, 8°, 9° and 14°, in full. The brethren who participated in the work deserve the thanks of all lovers of Scottish Rite Masonry for the care taken and the intelligence manifested in the rendition of these Grades.

But in the midst of our joys we've been called upon to pause. Great sorrow has also come to us, for the grim messenger, death, has entered our circle and taken from us :—

John Calvin Rice, 32°	January 24,	1899
Charles Leamy Hale, 32°	February 9,	"
James Reese, 32°	February 13,	"
Thomas Henry Dillon, 32°	February 18,	"
Frederic Beasley Vandegrift, 32°	March 7,	"
William James Benners, 32°	March 27,	"
William Henry Baker, 32°	April 23,	"
William Stahler, 32°	May 12,	"
William James Scott, 32°	June 18,	"
Louis Maloney, 32°	July 31,	"
Robert Cottingham, 32°	August 18,	"
James Phyfe Malseed, 32°	September 4,	"
Harrison Jefferson Hunsicker, 32°	September 5,	"
Christine Weldy, 32°	October 4,	"
Andrew Thornton Gayley, 32°	November 25,	"

That which "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard;" that "which hath not entered into the heart of man," is now theirs, for they loved the Master. Our present roster shows :—

Membership, December 1, 1898	957	
Conferred 4° to 14° upon	87	
Conferred 4° to 13° upon	2	
Admitted to membership	2	
	——	1,048
Deduct:—		
Died	15	
Resigned	4	
Suspended	12	
Suspended by Lodge	1	
	——	32
Membership, December 1, 1899		1,016

Respectfully yours,

EDGAR FAHS SMITH, 33°,

Thrice Potent Grand Master.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 4, 1899.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—I have the honor to submit the following report of the proceedings of Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, for the year just closed :—

Membership, December 1, 1898	291	
Initiates during the year	19	
		310
Deduct :—		
Suspended	9	
Died	2	
	—	11
Present membership		299

The Twenty-first, Thirty-first and Thirty-second degrees have been conferred in full ceremonial, and the others communicated.

It is with pleasure that I report continued peace and prosperity for the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Harrisburg, and the future outlook very encouraging. While our growth in numbers during the past year has not been as large as in some previous years, it has been healthy, and the material of the best.

Death has taken from us two of our well-beloved brethren :—

WILLIAM H. H. YONTZ, 32°, born at Shepherdstown, Va., August 3, 1837 ; died at Harrisburg, Pa., January 6, 1899.

JOHN MILLER SAUDER, 32°, born near Lancaster, Pa., December 25, 1848 ; died at Philadelphia, Pa., October 2, 1899.

Fraternally yours,

OWEN M. COPELIN, 32°,

Ill. Com.-in-Chief.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 4, 1899.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—There have been four meetings of the Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix held during the past year, the Seventeenth degree being conferred in full ceremonial upon all candidates, and the Eighteenth degree communicated. The record for the year is as follows :—

Membership, December 1, 1898	276	
Initiations during year	28	
		304
Deduct :—		
Suspended	9	
Died	2	
		11
Present membership		293

Fraternally yours,

CHRISTIAN NAUSS, 32°,

Most Wise and Perfect Master.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 4, 1899.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—Harrisburg Council, Princes of Jerusalem, held nine meetings during the past year, conferring the Fifteenth Grade in full ceremonial upon all candidates and communicating the Sixteenth. The record for the year is as follows :—

Membership, December 1, 1898	278	
Initiations during the year	29	
		307
Deduct :—		
Suspended	9	
Died	2	
		11
Present membership		296

Fraternally yours,

FRANK B. WICKERSHAM, 32°,

M. E. Sov. Prince Grand Master.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 4, 1899.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—I beg to report that Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection held twelve meetings during the past year. The Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth

degrees were conferred in full ceremonial form. The record for the year is as follows :—

Membership, December 1, 1898	277	
Initiations during the year	29	
		306
Deduct :—		
Suspended	9	
Died	2	
	—	11
Present membership		295

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR D. BACON, 32°,

Thrice Potent Grand Master.

VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., December 1, 1899.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—I herewith submit to you my third and final report as Commander-in-Chief of Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°, for the year just ending.

In presenting the following report, I would say that the increased membership during the past year has been a source of great satisfaction to all the officers and members of the Rite, sitting in this Valley.

This, in a measure, I think, is due to the revival of business throughout this section, and with a continuation of a bright and promising outlook, I will venture the opinion that our membership will steadily grow, as the new officers will give it a new stimulant.

I desire, as retiring Commander-in-Chief, to express my sincere thanks to the individual officers and members for their hearty co-operation, and, to me, valuable assistance and courtesy during my whole term of office, and more particularly during the past year, when they have so generously aided me in every way possible.

I submit the following statistical report :—

Membership, December 6, 1898, was	283	
Initiated during the year	45	
Restored	5	
		333
Deduct:—		
Deaths during the year	3	
Suspended	49	
		52
Present membership		281

During the year twelve meetings were held, only four being for work, when the degrees were conferred in full ceremonial.

This year I am again called upon to note the deaths of three of our brethren, and regret that I know so little about two of them.

Bro. John W. Smith, 32°, died January 28, 1899, at Lock Haven, Pa.

Bro. Nicholas Seibert, 32°, died at Carthage, Missouri, April 20, 1899, at the ripe age of 78 years.

Bro. Peter S. Harman, 32°, died October 15, 1899, aged 68 years. Bro. Harman was born at Orangeville, Columbia county, Pa., June 5, 1831, a son of George and Mary (Knorr) Harman. When thirteen years of age, Bro. Harman learned the trade of moulder with L. H. Maus, at Bloomsburg, Pa., and followed it at different places until 1861, when he engaged in business for himself at Mahanoy City, where he operated a machine shop and foundry for about three years. Later, he came to Bloomsburg and formed a partnership with B. F. Sharpless, and carried on the iron business for several years in the old foundry on Centre Street.

Later on this partnership was dissolved, and a new firm formed under the name of Harman & Hassert. The business prospered from the beginning, and is still continued under the old name; although both originators are dead, their sons continue the business.

Brother Harman gave the firm's affairs close attention until six months ago, when sickness prevented him from giving it the personal attention he had always been accustomed to, and, more particularly so, since his partner's death, ten years ago.

Always ranking among the foremost of active, wide-awake and successful business men, he was the oldest practical manufacturer in the iron business in this section of the state.

He took a deep interest in the welfare of Bloomsburg, and for

four years was elected president of the Town Council, from 1887 to 1891, and previous to that had been elected as a member of the Council, two years.

Masonically, he was Past Master of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.; Past High Priest of Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; Thrice Ill. Gr. M. of Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, R. & S. M.; Past Eminent Commander of Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T., and for many years Treasurer of Caldwell Consistory, until the added cares of business made it necessary for him to resign that office.

In his death the entire community has lost an active and useful citizen, and the members of Caldwell Consistory one of its most respected members, for to know him was to love him, and I do not think I can do better than quote from the daily paper, which published a notice of his death.

"A tribute to the memory of Hon. Peter S. Harman is due. We say honorable, because he always was honorable—honorable in business, in society, in every walk. He died Sunday morning. His form has gone, and we most reluctantly say farewell to it, but the memory of his good work and good name will long stay with us. Brain combined with true eye and hand made him one of the best moulders and mechanics Bloomsburg has known. The firm of Harman & Hassert will always be remembered as most useful and reliable. 'Light be the turf on his tomb.' With his family the whole county and far beyond deeply sympathize."

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. ARMENT, 32°,

Ill. Commander-in-Chief.

VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., December 1, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I have the honor to report for Evergreen Chapter of Rose Croix that there were twelve regular meetings held during the past year. Forty-five candidates received the Seventeenth and Eighteenth degrees.

Number of members at last report	282	
Initiations during the year	45	
Restored	5	
	—	332
Deduct :—		
Suspended	49	
Deaths	3	
	—	52
Present membership		280

The deaths were as follows :—

John W. Smith, 32° ; Nicholas Seibert, 32° ; Peter S. Harman, 32°.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. JACOBS, 32°,

Most Wise and Perfect Master.

VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., December 1, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND BROTHER :—I have the honor to report for Zerubbabel Council, Princes of Jerusalem, for the year, 1899, as follows :—

The degrees were conferred with full ceremonial upon forty-five candidates.

Number of members at last report	282	
Initiations during the year	45	
Restored	5	
	—	332
Deduct :—		
Deaths	3	
Suspended	49	
	—	52
Present membership		280

The deaths were as follows :—

John W. Smith, 32° ; Nicholas Seibert, 32° ; Peter S. Harman, 32°.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

THOMAS S. STOUT, 32°,

Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., December 1, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I have the honor to present the following report for Enoch Lodge of Perfection, for the year, 1899 :—

Number of members at last report	292	
Initiations during the year	45	
Restored	5	
	—	342
Deduct :—		
Suspended	49	
Died	3	
	—	52
Present membership		290

The deaths were as follows :—

John W. Smith, 32°; Nicholas Seibert, 32°; Peter S. Harman, 32°.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. BUCK, 32°,
Thrice Potent Grand Master.

VALLEY OF SCRANTON, PA., November 30, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—I have the honor of submitting the following report of Keystone Consistory, for the year ending December 1, 1899 :—

Number of meetings held during the year—six (6).

The degrees were conferred at one meeting only, a number of applicants failing to present themselves in time.

Number of members at last report	98	
Initiates	4	
	—	102
Deduct :—		
Died		1
Present membership		101

Brother Frank J. Grover, 32°, born in Allen township, Northampton Co., Pa., June 20, 1845; died at Moosic, Pa., January 16,

1899. Was a member and Past Master of Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M., Catasauqua, Pa., having joined in 1868. A member of Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T., Allentown, Pa., since 1875. He received the Grades of the A. A. S. R. in the Keystone Bodies, at Scranton, Pa., in January, 1889.

Fraternally submitted,

ANDREW STRANG, M. D.,
Ill. Commander-in-Chief.

VALLEY OF SCRANTON, PA., November 30, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—Herewith find report for year ending December 1, 1899, of Keystone Chapter Rose Croix.

Number of members at last report	100	
Initiated	4	
		104
Deduct :—		
Died		1
Present membership		103

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM MAYLIN, 32°,
M. W. and P. Master.

VALLEY OF SCRANTON, PA., November 30, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I respectfully submit the following report for Keystone Council, Princes of Jerusalem, for year ending December 1, 1899 :—

Number of members, last report	105	
Initiated	4	
		109
Deduct :—		
Died		1
Present membership		108

Fraternally submitted,

ALVIN E. DEAL, 32°,
M. E. S. P. G. Master.

VALLEY OF SCRANTON, PA., November 30, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit the following report of Keystone Lodge of Perfection. There have been six meetings during the year. We are prospering and working in peace and harmony.

Membership, December 1, 1898	130	
Initiated	10	
	——	140
Deduct:—		
Died	1	
Withdrawn	1	
	—	2
		——
Present membership		138

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH STEIDLE, 32°,

T. P. G. Master.

VALLEY OF COUDERSPORT, PA., Nov. 29, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I herewith submit to you the first report of Coudersport Consistory.

February 4, 1899, the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, granted a dispensation to open a Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and on May 11, following, the Illustrious Deputy for Pennsylvania, assisted by the other brethren from Pittsburg and elsewhere, opened a Consistory, 32°, at Coudersport, Pa., and installed the officers in due form.

There were thirteen of the petitioners of the new Consistory present. On the following day, May 12, a meeting was held at which eighteen members and eight visiting brethren, including the Illustrious Deputy, were present.

By virtue of a dispensation, granted by the Illustrious Deputy, petitions were received and acted upon, and 104 applicants were

unanimously approved, and the Illustrious Deputy, James Isaac Buchanan, conferred the degrees from the 19° to the 29°, inclusive, in due form, on 98 candidates, and with the assistance of the visiting brethren, and our own members, the 30°, 31°, and 32°, in full ceremonial. The reunion of the Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapter of Rose Croix, and the first meeting of the Consistory, closed with a banquet provided by the Ladies of the Episcopal Church Society.

On September 7 and 9, at the earnest request of a few petitioners, a meeting was held, and the degrees from the 19° to the 29°, inclusive, were conferred on four candidates in ample form by the Commander-in-Chief, and the 30°, 31° and 32°, in full ceremonial.

We have, therefore, added 102 members to the Grand Masonic Army of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°.

The twenty-three petitioners, together with the 102, who have taken the degrees, would make our membership now 125, but for the deaths of Illustrious Henry W. Williams and Illustrious Martin Luther Gridley. Brother Williams died before being a member of our Consistory, and Brother Gridley, who was a member of our first class, died November 12, 1899.

Our dispensation was returned to the Supreme Council last September, when it was endorsed and returned to us for use until the next meeting of the Supreme Council. We feel proud of the work that has been accomplished by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Coudersport, and are pleased to state that the enthusiasm of the members has in no way abated, but, on the contrary, is increasing with every meeting. The officers and more experienced members spare neither time nor trouble to enlighten and instruct the members, and, as they become more and more familiar with the work and teaching of our noble order, their interests have correspondingly increased, and the outlook is the brightest that can possibly be expected.

There are now forty-five Masons who have presented petitions to a part of the Bodies with the expectation of taking all of the degrees at the first opportunity, and we feel sure we are only just started in the good work.

Having before us the work that has been done in the Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and our Consistory under dispensation; and bearing in

mind our beautiful little village, situate, as it is, in the pleasant valley of the Upper Allegheny, among the mountains, and surrounded by productive farms and manufacturing centers, its central location and convenience of access to the most of the Masonic fraternity of our section of the State; and that we have a splendid hall fitted up expressly for the use of the Scottish Rite Bodies, at an expense of nearly $10,000, including furniture, scenery, and other properties; and that there are at least thirty-six Lodges in our territory, with not less than three thousand, two hundred Master Masons, a large majority of whom cannot conveniently obtain the benefits and pleasures of our noble Rite elsewhere; and that more members have taken their Consistory degrees in our Valley during the past year than in either of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Michigan or Wisconsin; and that only one Consistory each in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois has done more work than our Consistory; we feel confident that with the foregoing data before you, we have a right, Most Illustrious Deputy, to feel proud of the work accomplished in the Valley of Coudersport, and it cannot be said that we are presuming when we ask the Council of Deliberation to recommend a charter for our Consistory.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC P. COLLINS, 32°,

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief.

MARTIN LUTHER GRIDLEY, 32°.

Illustrious Martin Luther Gridley, son of Adna and Rodentha Gridley, was born at Candor, New York, August 20, 1842, and died at his home in Coudersport, Pa., November 12, 1899. He was of a family of seven children, having three brothers and three sisters. He came to Potter County, Pa., with his parents in 1849, and spent the most of his life at Ulysses and Coudersport.

He attended the common schools of the vicinity in the winter months and assisted his father on the farm in the summer season.

At the age of twenty-one years he was appointed deputy sheriff of Potter County, under his brother-in-law, the late Hon. D. C. Larrabee, but resigned before the expiration of his term to enlist

in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which he served nearly three years, when he was honorably discharged.

He was proprietor of a leading hotel in Coudersport from 1877 to 1880, when he retired from the hotel business and engaged in mercantile business, which latter business he followed until his death.

Brother Gridley's cheerful, sunny disposition made him an especial favorite among his acquaintances from boyhood to the time of his death.

He was strictly honest in all of his dealings, careful, prudent, generous to a fault, and always doing something to benefit his fellow-men.

Brother Gridley married Miss Orrel Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Nelson, August 20, 1871, it being his twenty-ninth birthday, and being also the birthday of the bride. They spent the later portion of Brother Gridley's life in their cozy little home on Second Street, Coudersport, Pa., and a more pleasant, cheerful home could not be found.

He is survived by his estimable wife, two brothers and three sisters.

Brother Gridley was thoroughly interested in Masonry, and devoted much time and thought to its service. He was made a Mason in Eulalia Lodge, No. 342, at the age of twenty-one years, taking his Master Degree, September 24, 1863. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, June 27, 1891, in Coudersport Chapter, No. 263, and was dubbed a Knight Templar in Potter Commandery, No. 69, a little later. He was a member of the first class of Coudersport Lodge of Perfection, Coudersport Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix, and Coudersport Consistory, A. A. S. Rite.

He frequently held office in the various Bodies and was always attentive and much interested.

His funeral was held at the family residence, Wednesday morning, November 15, 1899, and was under the direction of Potter Commandery, Knights Templar.

He was laid to rest in Eulalia Cemetery, and his cheerful "Good Morning! Boys!" will no more be heard. Peace to his ashes and rest to his soul.

I. P. C.

COUDERSPORT, PENNA., Dec. 1, 1899.

ILL. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I herewith submit my second annual report as Most Wise and Perfect Master of Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, for the year 1899.

On May 11, 1899, Ill. Deputy James Isaac Buchanan, 33°, assisted by other brethren of Pittsburg, Pa., constituted Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix under its charter, installed its officers, and the 17th and 18th degrees were conferred in full ceremonial form upon a class of thirty-two, by the Ill. Deputy, assisted by the members of the Chapter.

On September 6, 1899, the degrees of the Chapter were conferred in full ceremonial form upon a class of three by the officers of the Chapter.

Our Chapter has lost one of its most highly respected and useful members by the death of Brother Martin Luther Gridley, 32°, of Coudersport, Pa., whose Masonic history is noted in the report of the Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Coudersport Consistory.

Membership, last report	93	
Initiated	35	
		128
Deduct:—		
Died		1
Present membership		127

Fraternally submitted,

SANFORD H. LEWIS, 32°,

M. W. & P. Master.

VALLEY OF COUDERSPORT, PA., Nov. 29, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—In presenting this, my second annual report of Coudersport Council of Princes of Jerusalem, I am pleased to report continued prosperity, peace and harmony in our Council.

At the time of my last report, our dispensation had been re-

turned to the Supreme Council, and a charter granted for our Council.

May 11, 1899, the Illustrious Deputy, accompanied by seven brethren from Pittsburg and other places, visited our Valley and constituted Coudersport Council of Princes of Jerusalem under its charter and installed the officers. There were thirty-one members present.

Thirty-eight petitions were presented and all were approved, and the 15° and 16° were conferred on thirty-three applicants in full ceremonial.

Two other meetings have been held since, and the 15° conferred in full ceremonial, and the 16° in ample form, on three applicants.

Since my last report, Illustrious Brother Martin Luther Gridley, 32°, has been called to join the Great Majority. The Illustrious Commander-in-Chief will present a sketch of his life.

I will close my report with the following statistics :

Members, last report	94	
Initiated during the year	36	
	—	130
Deduct :—		
Died		1
Membership, November 29, 1899		129

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC PEAVY COLLINS, 32°,

Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

COUDERSPORT, PENNA., December 1, 1899.

ILL. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. AND DEAR BROTHER :—As Thrice Potent Grand Master of Coudersport Lodge of Perfection, 14°, I take great pleasure in submitting the following report of the progress of the Rite in the Valley of Coudersport, during last year.

Beside the regular meetings of the third Wednesday of each month, there have been two special meetings of the Lodge for conferring degrees.

On May 10, 1899, the degrees from Fourth to Thirteenth, inclusive, were conferred in ample form, and the 14° in full ceremonial form, upon a class of twenty-two. At this meeting we

were honored by the presence of Ill. Deputy James Isaac Buchanan, 33°, accompanied by Ill. Brothers George C. Johnstone, 33°, of Allegheny, Pa.; and James McLaren, 32°, John E. Haines, 32°, Charles W. Johnstone, 32°, James H. Horner, 32°, and Arthur L. Palmer, 32°, of Pittsburg, Pa.

On September 6, 1899, at the request of brothers who were leaving this Jurisdiction, and expected to be absent for some time, the degrees from Fourth to Thirteenth were conferred in ample form, and the Fourteenth degree in full ceremonial form, upon a class of three.

We are enjoying prosperity and fraternal peace, and the usual enthusiasm in the work continues unabated. We now have thirty-nine petitioners, upon whom we expect to confer the degrees at a meeting to be held in the near future.

Death has visited us once during the past year, removing from our midst our beloved Bro. Martin Luther Gridley, 32°, of Coudersport, Pa. His Masonic history is briefly noted in the report of the Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Coudersport Consistory.

Membership, last report	141	
Initiated the past year	25	
		166
Deduct:—		
Resigned	1	
Died	1	
		2
Present membership		164

Fraternally submitted,

WALTON K. SWETLAND, 32°,

T. P. G. Master.

TOWANDA, December 4, 1899.

ILL. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

S. G. I. G. Deputy for Pennsylvania.

I have to report to the Council of Deliberation that the present membership of Calvary Chapter Rose Croix, 18°, is thirty-nine, the same as last year. There have been neither additions nor losses.

Respectfully submitted,

MAHLON M. SPALDING, 32°,

Most Wise & Perfect Master.

TOWANDA, December 4, 1899.

ILL.·. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

S. G. I. G. Deputy for Pennsylvania.

I beg to report for Hayden Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, that the membership has not changed since last return, to wit, forty.

There are two petitions awaiting action.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES H. CODDING, 33°,

M. E. S. P. G. Master.

TOWANDA, December 4, 1899.

ILL.·. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

S. G. I. G. Deputy for Pennsylvania.

I have to report for Towanda Lodge of Perfection, 14°, that the stated meetings have been held with proper amount of interest.

The membership remains as last year, sixty-seven.

There have been no additions nor losses.

The financial condition is good.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. PUTNAM, 32°,

T. P. G. Master.

LANCASTER, PA., November 23, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Ins.·. Gen'l.·. and Deputy for Pennsylvania.

ILL.·. BRO.·.:—As Thrice Potent Grand Master of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, I beg leave to report the following as to the condition of the Lodge for the year now closing :—

Number of members at last report	131	
Initiated	6	
	—	137
Deduct:—		
Died	5	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	4	
	—	9
Present membership		128

DEATHS.

Ill.·. Bro.·. David S. Rettew, 14°, February 20, 1899, aged 62 years.

Ill.·. Bro.·. William G. Rapp, 14°, February 27, 1899, aged 56 years.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Abraham H. Shenck, 16°, April 29, 1899, aged 54 years.

Ill.·. Bro.·. George M. Franklin, 14°, May 15, 1899, aged 63 years.

Ill.·. Bro.·. William N. Amer, 16°, September 20, 1899, aged 65 years.

The Lodge is prospering and well-informed in the work.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM J. FORDNEY, 32°,

Thrice Potent Grand Master.

ERIE, PA., December 1, 1899.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy and Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, Philadelphia, Pa.

MOST ILL. AND DEAR BRO.:—As Thrice Potent Grand Master of Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection, 14°, I beg leave to make the following report as to its condition for the year ending November 30, 1899:—

Number of members at last report	184	
Number of initiates	9	
		193
Deduct:—		
Withdrawn	1	
Suspended	13	
Died	2	
		16
Present membership		177

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ROBERT H. CHINNOCK, 32°,

Thrice Potent Grand Master.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1899.

The Committee on Credentials respectfully reports the following members present and entitled to vote:—

Active Members of the Supreme Council.

James Isaac Buchanan, 33° (Deputy),
James Hodge Codding, 33°,
George Wilkins Guthrie, 33°,
Francis Marion Highley, 33°.

Honorary Members of the Supreme Council.

James S. Barber, 33°,
Peter Barkey, 33°,
Edwin Boone, 33°,
James W. Brown, 33°,
Charles Cary, 33°,
John M. Clapp, 33°,
Henry N. Dunnell, 33°,
Joel S. Eaby, 33°,
Charles K. Francis, 33°,
Franklin Garrigues, 33°,
John Jay Gilroy, 33°,
Samuel I. Givin, 33°,
George Hale, 33°,
Amos H. Hall, 33°,
Matthias H. Henderson, 33°,
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33°,
Robert J. Linden, 33°,
William B. Meredith, 33°,
M. Richards Mucklé, 33°,
Levi B. McClees, 33°,
Harvey A. M'Killip, 33°,
Thomas R. Patton, 33°,
Vosburgh N. Shaffer, 33°,
C. Gilbert Steffe, 33°,
Edgar F. Smith, 33°,
Lee S. Smith, 33°,
George E. Wagner, 33°,
Samuel W. Wray, 33°,
J. Henry Williams, 33°,
Edward S. Wyckoff, 33°.

Representatives from the following Bodies:—

CONSISTORIES.

Pennsylvania Consistory, Pittsburg.

LEE S. SMITH, 33°, ... *Commander-in-Chief.*
JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°, . *Past Com'der-in-Chief.*

Philadelphia Consistory, Philadelphia.

Samuel I. Givin, 33°, ...	*Commander-in-Chief.*
Robert J. Linden, 33°, . . .	*First Lieut. Com'der.*
John Jay Gilroy, 33°, ...	*Second Lieut. Com'der.*
Thomas R. Patton, 33°, . . .	*Past Com'der-in-Chief.*
James S. Barber, 33°, ...	" "
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33°,	" "
Charles K. Francis, 33°, . .	" "
Levi B. McClees, 33°, ...	" "
Amos H. Hall, 33°, ...	" "

Harrisburg Consistory, Harrisburg.

Owen M. Copelin, 32°, . . .	*Commander-in-Chief.*
John H. Shopp, 32°, ...	*Second Lieut. Com'der.*

Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg.

Frank W. Martenis, 32°, . .	*First Lieut. Com'der.*
Vosburgh N. Shaffer, 33°, . .	*Past Com'der-in-Chief.*
Daniel B. Else, 32°, ...	" "
Harvey A. M'Killip, 33°, . .	" "

Keystone Consistory, Scranton.

Andrew Strang, M. D., 32°, .	*Commander-in-Chief.*
Henry N. Dunnell, M. D., 33°,	*Past Com'der-in-Chief.*

Coudersport Consistory, Coudersport (U. D.).

Isaac P. Collins, 32°, ...	*Commander-in-Chief.*
Warren B. Brightman, 32°, .	*First Lieut. Com'der.*

CHAPTERS.

Pittsburg Chapter of Rose Croix, Pittsburg.

James W. Brown, 33°, ...	*M. W. and P. Master.*
George W. Guthrie, 33°, . .	*P. M. W. and Perf. M.*

Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, Philadelphia.

J. Henry Williams, 33°, . . .	*M. W. and P. Master.*
George Hale, 33°, ...	*R. and P. K. Sen. W.*
Henry G. Bruner, 32°, . . .	*R. and P. K. Jun. W.*
Edward S. Wyckoff, 33°, . .	*P. M. W. and Perf. M.*
Thomas R. Patton, 33°, . . .	" " "
James S. Barber, 33°, ...	" " "
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33°,	" " "
Samuel I. Givin, 33°, ...	" " "
Levi B. McClees, 33°, . . .	" " "
Ellsworth H. Hults, 32°, . .	" " "
Amos H. Hall, 33°, ...	" " "
Robert J. Linden, 33°, . . .	" " "
Charles K. Francis, 33°, . .	" " "
Edgar F. Smith, 33°, ...	" " "
John A. Bolard, 32°, ...	" " "

Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix, Harrisburg.

Samuel N. Miller, 32°, . . .	*R. and P. K. Sen. W.*
Joel S. Eaby, 33°, ...	*P. M. W. and Perf. M.*
Owen M. Copelin, 32°, . . .	" " "
John H. Shopp, 32°, ...	" " "

Evergreen Chapter of Rose Croix, Bloomsburg.

Vosburgh N. Shaffer, 33°, . .	*P. M. W. and Perf. M.*
Daniel B. Else, 32°, ...	" " "
Harvey A. M'Killip, 33°, . .	" " "
Frank W. Martenis, 32°, . .	" " "

Keystone Chapter of Rose Croix, Scranton.

Henry N. Dunnell, M. D., 33°, *P. M. W. and Perf. M.*

Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix, Towanda.

James H. Codding, 33°, . . . *P. M. W. and Perf. M.*

Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix, Coudersport.

SANFORD H. LEWIS, 32°, . . . *M. W. and P. Master.*
WARREN B. BRIGHTMAN, 32°, . *R. and P. K. Sen. W.*

COUNCILS.

Pennsylvania Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Pittsburg.

SAMUEL HAMILTON, 32°, . . . *G. H. P. D.G. Master.*

De Joinville Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Philadelphia.

EDGAR F. SMITH, 33°, ... *M. E. Sov. P. G. M.*
GEORGE B. WELLS, 32°, . . . *G. H. P. D.G. Master.*
JOHN A. BOLARD, 32°, ... *M. E. S. G. Warden.*
JOSEPH BUTLER, 32°, ... *M. E. J. G. Warden.*
JAMES S. BARBER, 33°, ... *Past Sov. P. G. Master.*
THOMAS R. PATTON, 33°, . . . " "
JOEL S. PERKINS, 32°, ... " "
SAMUEL W. WRAY, 33°, . . . " "
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., 33°, " "
LEVI B. MCCLEES, 33°, ... " "
SAMUEL I. GIVIN, 33°, ... " "
AMOS H. HALL, 33°, ... " "
CHARLES K. FRANCIS, 33°, . . " "
GEORGE HALE, 33°, ... " "
JOHN JAY GILROY, 33°, . . . " "

Harrisburg Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Harrisburg.

EDGAR A. TENNIS, 32°, . . . *Past Sov. P. G. Master.*
JOEL S. EABY, 33°, ... " "
OWEN M. COPELIN, 32°, . . . " "
JOHN H. SHOPP, 32°, ... " "

Zerubbabel Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Bloomsburg.

THOMAS S. STOUT, 32°, . . . *M. E. Sov. P. G. M.*
VOSBURGH N. SHAFFER, 33°, . . *Past Sov. P. G. Master.*
DANIEL B. ELSE, 32°, ... " "
HARVEY A. M'KILLIP, 33°, . . " "

Keystone Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Scranton.

HERBERT A. THOMAS, 32°, . . *G. H. P. D. G. Master.*
HENRY N. DUNNELL, M. D., 33°, *Past Sov. P. G. Master.*

Hayden Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Towanda.

JAMES H. CODDING, 33°, . . . *G. H. P. D. G. Master.*

Coudersport Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Coudersport.

ISAAC P. COLLINS, 32°, ... *M. E. Sov. P. G. M.*
JOHN ORMEROD, 32°, ... *G. H. P. D.G. Master.*
JAMES L. KNOX, 32°, ... *M. E. J. G. Warden.*

LODGES OF PERFECTION.

Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Pittsburg.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, 33°, . . *Past T. P. G. Master.*
JOSEPH E. LEWIS, 32°, ... " " "

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, Philadelphia.

EDGAR F. SMITH, 33°, ... *T. P. G. Master.*
JOSEPH BUTLER, 32°, ... *H. T. D. G. Master.*
J. HENRY WILLIAMS, 33°, . . . *V. S. G. Warden.*
A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, 32°, . . *V. J. G. Warden.*
JAMES S. BARBER, 33°, ... *Past T. P. G. Master.*
THOMAS R. PATTON, 33°, . . . " " "
SAMUEL W. WRAY, 33°, . . . " " "
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., 33°, " " "
LEVI B. MCCLEES, 33°, ... " " "
SAMUEL I. GIVIN, 33°, ... " " "
CHARLES CARY, 33°, ... " " "
AMOS H. HALL, 33°, ... " " "
CHARLES K. FRANCIS, 33°, . . " " "
JOHN JAY GILROY, 33°, . . . " " "
ROBERT J. LINDEN, 33°, . . . " " "
ALEXANDER J. H. MACKIE, 32°, " " "

Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection, Harrisburg.

ARTHUR D. BACON, 32°, . . . *T. P. G. Master.*
EDGAR A. TENNIS, 32°, . . . *Past T. P. G. Master.*

Enoch Lodge of Perfection, Bloomsburg.

VOSBURGH N. SHAFFER, 33°, . . *Past T. P. G. Master.*
DANIEL B. ELSE, 32°, ... " " "
HARVEY A. M'KILLIP, 33°, . . " " "
FRANK W. MARTENIS, 32°, . . " " "

Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, Lancaster.

JOEL S. EABY, 33°, ... *Past T. P. G. Master.*

Keystone Lodge of Perfection, Scranton.

HERBERT A. THOMAS, 32°, . . *V. J. G. Warden.*
HENRY N. DUNNELL, M. D., 33°, *Past T. P. G. Master.*

Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection, Erie.

ROBERT H. CHINNOCK, 32°, . . *T. P. G. Master.*
DAVID A. SAWDEY, 32°, . . . *H. T. D. G. Master.*
PETER BARKEY, 33°, ... *Past T. P. G. Master.*

Towanda Lodge of Perfection, Towanda.

JAMES H. CODDING, 33°, . . . *Past T. P. G. Master.*

Coudersport Lodge of Perfection, Coudersport.

ISAAC P. COLLINS, 32°, ... *H. T. D. G. Master.*
WARREN B. BRIGHTMAN, 32°, . *Past T. P. G. Master.*

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS H. HALL, 33°,
WARREN B. BRIGHTMAN, 32°,
OWEN M. COPELIN, 32°,
Committee.

Ins.-Gen. Frank M. Highley, 33°, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That a memorial tablet of the names of deceased members be published with the minutes.

The Ill. Grand Treasurer presented the following report:—

EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°, *Grand Treasurer, in account with General Fund, Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. Rite.*

1898.			
Dec. 6.	To balance on hand		$555 96
7.	To check from J. P. Barringer, Secretary of Harrisburg Bodies		112 20
17.	To check from Richard Maris, Treasurer of Philadelphia Bodies		371 50
1899.			
Jan. 3.	To check from W. W. Thompson, Secretary of Coudersport Bodies		32 80
3.	To check from J. N. Califf, Secretary of Towanda Bodies		14 70
11.	To check from A. V. Holmes, Treasurer of Pittsburg Bodies		560 80
18.	To check from Dr. R. M. Bolenius, Secretary of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection		13 10
24.	To check from H. G. Supplee, Treasurer of Bloomsburg Bodies.		113 90
Feb. 20.	To check from Harry L. Moore, Secretary of Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection		18 40
Dec. 4.	To check from Dr. H. N. Dunnell, Treasurer of Scranton Bodies		43 30
			$1,836 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

1898.			
Dec. 6.	By cash paid W. A. Sinn, Gr. Secretary, rent, Voucher 154	$42 50	
6.	By cash paid F. M. Highley, Gr. Secretary, Voucher 155	100 00	
6.	By cash paid B. K. Paullin, Voucher 156	5 00	
6.	By cash paid Henry Ashford, Voucher 157	5 00	
6.	By cash paid Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., Voucher 158	25 00	
6.	By cash paid Jacob Wiener, Voucher 159	124 50	

1899.			
Jan. 7.	By cash paid Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., Voucher 160	25 00	
May 29.	By cash paid F. M. Highley, Voucher 162	17 02	
31.	By cash paid Burk & McFetridge Co., Voucher 161	182 95	
Nov. 24.	By cash paid F. M. Highley, Voucher 163	9 30	
27.	By cash paid Burk & McFetridge Co., Voucher 165	12 00	
Dec. 2.	By cash paid J. Harry Hughes, Voucher 166	11 50	
2.	By cash paid J. I. Buchanan, Voucher 167	147 36	
		$707 13	
	Balance	1,129 53	
			$1,836 66
	By balance as above	$1,129 53	
Dec. 5.	To one-half balance transferred to Permanent Fund	564 77	
		$564 76	
Dec. 5.	One-half balance to General Fund,		$564 76

EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°,
Ill. Grand Treasurer.

EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°, *Grand Treasurer, in account with Permanent Fund, Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. Rite.*

1898.		
Dec. 6.	To cash on hand	$3,462 32
1899.		
Jan. 19.	To 6 months' interest on Altoona bond, $500, at 4 per cent.	10 00
Feb. 16.	To 6 months' interest on Pittsburg Trust Co. mortgage, $3,500, at 4½ per cent. . .	78 75

Mch. 23.	To McColville mortgage, paid off	$600 00
23.	To 6 months, 23 days' interest on McColville mortgage	17 00
Jun. 28.	To 6 months' interest on deposit	21 40
Aug. 1.	To 6 months' interest, Altoona bond, $500, at 4 per cent.	10 00
18.	To 6 months' interest, Pittsburg Trust Co. mortgage, $3,500, at 4½ per cent.	78 75
Dec. 4.	To interest on deposit	14 80
		$4,293 02

DISBURSEMENTS.

1898.			
Dec. 22.	Check to J. I. Buchanan, for Pittsburg Trust Co. mortgage, 4½ per cent.	$3,500 00	
	Accrued interest to date	59 50	
	Voucher 164	$3,559 50	
			$3,559 50
	Balance		$733 52
1899.			
Dec. 5.	To balance as above	$733 52	
5.	To one-half balance from General Funds	564 77	
			$1,298 29

SECURITIES IN PERMANENT FUND.

$500, Altoona City 4's, Certificate No. 340 . .	$500 00
$3,500, Certificate No. 3, Mortgage No. 5100, Pittsburg Trust Co. Mortgage, 4½ per cent., payable August and September	3,500 00
	$4,000 00

		$4,000 00
Cash in Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co.	$733 52	
Amount transferred from General Funds . .	564 77	
		$1,298 29
		$5,298 29

EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°,
Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Ill. Grand Hospitaler presented the following report :—

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1899.

To the Most Illustrious Deputy :—

I beg leave to submit this my annual report:—

December 6, 1898.	Balance on hand	$47 49
December 6, 1898.	Collection	12 96
December 5, 1899.	Balance on hand	$60 45

Fraternally submitted,
ROBERT J. LINDEN, 33°,
Illustrious Grand Hospitaler.

Examined and found correct.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, 33°,
THOMAS S. STOUT, 32°,
ARTHUR D. BACON, 32°,
Finance Committee.

The report was received and ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report :—

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1898.

To the Most Illustrious Deputy and Brethren :—

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and found them correct as follows, viz.:—

DR.

To balance as per last report	$555 96
To cash received from all the Bodies	1,280 70
	$1,836 66

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By cash paid rent to R. W. Grand Lodge		$42 50
By cash paid salaries		110 00
By cash paid refreshments		124 50
By cash paid Masonic Home		50 00
By cash paid printing annual proceedings, 1898		182 95
By cash paid postage, stationery and printing notices, etc.		39 82
By cash paid Guarantee Storage Company		10 00
By cash paid Visitations Commander-in-Chief		147 36
		$707 13
Balance on hand		1,129 53
		$1,836 66
One-half to Permanent Fund	$564 77	
Balance in General Fund	564 76	
		$1,129 53

PERMANENT FUND.

Receipts from interest on investments	$194 50
Receipts from interest on deposits	36 20
Receipts one-half balance, close of year 1899	564 77
Balance as per last report, uninvested	3,462 32
Cash received from mortgage paid off	600 00
	$4,857 79

INVESTED.

Purchase of Pittsburg Trust Co. mortgage, bearing 4½ per cent. interest	$3,500 00
City of Altoona bonds, 4 per cent.	500 00
Cash in Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company.	733 52
Amount transferred from General Fund in 1899	564 77
Total cash and investments	$5,298 29

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS.

For the year.	
Printing Proceedings	$250 00
Rent to the R. W. Grand Lodge	42 50
Salary of Grand Secretary	100 00
Salary of the Grand Armorer	5 00
Salary of the Grand Sentinel	5 00
Visitations of the Ill. Commander-in-Chief	250 00
Refreshments	150 00
Miscellaneous printing, postage, stationery and incidentals	50 00
Masonic Home	50 00
Guarantee Storage Company	10 00
	$912 50

Your Committee recommends that the above-named sums be appropriated for the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, 33°,
THOMAS S. STOUT, 32°,
ARTHUR D. BACON, 32°,
Finance Committee.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report :—

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1899.

To the Illustrious Deputy and Brethren :—

On the subject of Finance, contained in the annual address of the Illustrious Deputy, in relation to taxes upon the Subordinate Bodies of the Rite in this Jurisdiction, the Constitution of the Supreme Council, Art. LVII, Sec. 3, provides in relation to Councils of Deliberation as follows :—"It shall have power to levy such taxes upon the Bodies within its district as it may deem necessary for its proper support, but not to include expenses of, nor compensation to, any officer or member of the Council for attendance thereupon. Funds now held by any Council shall continue to be held for the purposes for which they were created, and all taxes heretofore levied by any Council are hereby confirmed."

After due consideration your Finance Committee has arrived at the conclusion that it would be but right and just to make a reduction in the tax upon the various Subordinate Bodies, and therefore offers the following resolution :—

Resolved, that the tax upon the Subordinate Bodies for the *next twelve months*, be reduced from ten cents per capita to five cents per capita. Fraternally submitted,

M. Richards Muckle, 33°,
Thomas S. Stout, 32°,
Arthur D. Bacon, 32°.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws—No report.

The Committee on the State of the Rite presented the following report :—

Philadelphia, Pa., December 5, 1899.

To Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation :—

The State of the Rite in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania has been so fully considered in the address of the Illustrious Deputy, as well as in the reports from the several Bodies, that there seems little occasion for further comment, except in the way of congratulation.

The Subordinate Bodies generally appear to be flourishing, and the increase in membership is satisfactory. The financial condition of the Council of Deliberation is cause for sincere congratulation.

The growing interest in the Rite illustrates the lesson of the Eleventh degree that "sooner or later, the true and faithful brother will receive his just reward."

Regarding the recommendation of the Illustrious Deputy, that "action should be taken at this time on the application for a charter for Coudersport Consistory, previous to its presentation to the Supreme Council," your Committee respectfully refers the matter to the Council of Deliberation, for such action as may seem proper.

The death of Ill. Bro. Enoch Terry Carson, 33°, of Ohio, referred to so appropriately by the Illustrious Deputy in his address, seems an irreparable loss to the Craft, and especially to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, with which he was closely identified for a third of a century. Ill. Bro. Carson was particularly dear to the members of the Rite in Pennsylvania, as stated by the Illustrious Deputy,

"not only because of his remarkable genius and individuality, but also because of the fact that it was largely through his instrumentality that the Rite was revived in Pennsylvania many years ago." Ill. Bro. Carson devoted the best years of his life to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and his work was not only distinguished but unselfish. His intellect was strong and healthy, and his character sturdy and self-reliant. The natural force of his character and the strength and vigor of his mind brought him, at an early day, to the front rank of the fraternity. He was a self-made man, and it is the pride of America that her greatest characters have been self-made men. He was a natural leader of men, and yet always remained a child of the people. His conception of the brotherhood of man was that of the reputed founder of our Rite, Frederick the Great, who said, "when we inquire into the history of the human mind, the difference of ranks and conditions disappears ; kings are nothing but men, and all men are equals." He had faults, but probably as few as most men. He had great virtues and noble qualities of mind and heart. His companionship was cheerful, affectionate and sympathetic. He was kind, unselfish and noble-hearted. His friendship was sincere. He was a true man and Mason. Truthfully it may be said of him, as was said of another of America's great sons—"a rugged, earnest, kindly man, living honestly, dealing frankly, and leaving a record of usefulness and integrity, that deserves more copying than it will receive." . . . "Unshrinkingly he passed beyond our horizon, beyond the twilight's purple hills, beyond the reach of human harm or help, to that vast realm of silence or of joy where the innumerable dwell, and he has left with us his wealth of thought and deed, the memory of a brave, imperious man, who bowed alone to death."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES K. FRANCIS, 33°,
LEE S. SMITH, 33°,
DAVID A. SAWDEY, 32°,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Insp.-Gen. George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33°, the Council voted to recommend to the Supreme Council that a charter be granted to Coudersport Consistory (U. D.), at Coudersport, Potter Co., Pa.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers presented the following report:—

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5, 1899.

To the Illustrious Deputy and Brethren :—

The Committee on Nomination of Officers, for the ensuing three (3) years, respectfully makes the following report, and recommends the election of the following :

JAMES H. CODDING, 33°, . .	*First Lieut. Com.*
CHARLES K. FRANCIS, 33°, .	*Second Lieut. Com.*
SAMUEL W. WRAY, 33°, . .	*Min. State and G. O.*
GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, 33°, .	*Grand Prior.*
JOEL S. EABY, 33°, ...	*Grand Chancellor.*
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°, .	*Treasurer.*
FRANK M. HIGHLEY, 33°, . .	*Secretary.*
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., 33°,	*G. Eng. & Architect.*
ROBERT J. LINDEN, 33°, . .	*Grand Hospitaler.*
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, 33°, .	" *Mas. Ceremonies.*
LEVI B. MCCLEES, 33°, . . .	" *Marshal.*
DAVID A. SAWDEY, 32°, . . .	" *Standard Bearer.*
SAMUEL I. GIVIN, 33°, . . .	" *Cap. of Guard.*
HENRY ASHFORD, 32°, . . .	" *Sentinel.*
BENJAMIN K. PAULLIN, 32°, .	" *Armorer.*

Your Committee, recognizing the fact that the present officers have served faithfully, and the interests of the Rite have been safe in their hands, has not recommended any changes.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, 33°,

HENRY N. DUNNELL, 33°,

JOEL S. EABY, 33°,

Committee.

The report was adopted.

A ballot was then taken, and all the officers named in the report of the Committee were unanimously elected for the ensuing three years.

The Special Committee on Territorial Jurisdiction presented the following report :—

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1899.

To the Most Illustrious Deputy, Officers and Members of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation :—

Your Committee, appointed to make report upon the question of jurisdiction, report of which was presented November 30, 1897, and a substitute therefor presented December 6, 1898, which substitute report was recommitted to the Committee to report at this session, begs leave to submit the following :

Resolved, That the Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Pennsylvania be recognized as having exclusive jurisdiction within the counties where they are severally located, and counties adjoining the same, and concurrent jurisdiction in the remaining counties.

Fraternally submitted,

HARVEY A. M'KILLIP, 33°,
For the Committee.

Insp.-Gen. Wm. B. Meredith, 33°, moved to strike out the words "and counties adjoining the same," which was adopted.

The report as amended was then adopted.

The Ill. Deputy, James Isaac Buchanan, 33°, was then pleased to install the following officers :—

JAMES H. CODDING, 33°, .	*Ill. First Lieut. Commander.*	
CHARLES K. FRANCIS, 33°,	"	*Second Lieut. Commander.*
SAMUEL W. WRAY, 33°, .	"	*Minister State & G. O.*
GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, 33°,	"	*Grand Prior.*
JOEL S. EABY, 33°, . . .	"	" *Chancellor.*
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°,	"	" *Treasurer.*
FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY, 33°,	"	" *Secretary.*
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., 33°,	"	" *Engineer & Arch't.*
ROBERT J. LINDEN, 33°, .	"	" *Hospitaler.*
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, 33°,	"	" *Master Cer's.*
LEVI B. MCCLEES, 33°, .	"	" *Marshal.*
DAVID A. SAWDEY, 32°, .	"	" *Standard Bearer.*
SAMUEL I. GIVIN, 33°, . .	"	" *Capt. of Guard.*
HENRY ASHFORD, 32°, .	"	" *Sentinel.*
BENJAMIN K. PAULLIN, 32°,	"	" *Armorer.*

The box of fraternal assistance was passed, and the amount collected, $12.51, was paid to the Ill. Grand Hospitaler.

During the session, the following Illustrious brethren were admitted as visitors:—

Nelson H. Goodsell, 32°	Coudersport.
William F. Specht, 32°	"
Daniel Dickson, 32°	Pittsburg.
George T. Oliver, 32°	"
J. Edward Keirn, 32°	"
Luther Campbell, 32°	Slatington.
James H. Horner, 32°	Pittsburg.
Joseph J. Lingle, 32°	Emporium.
De Witt Felt, 32°	"
F. E. Watrous, 32°	Wellsboro.
Joseph S. Brown, 32°	Pittsburg.
Wilson C. Dickson, 32°	"
George W. Kendrick, 3d, 32°	Philadelphia.
Thomas B. Neely, 32°	"
Lewis L. Forbes, 32°	"
James B. Krause, 32°	Williamsport.
James B. Youngson, 32°	Pittsburg.
Howard March, 32°	Philadelphia.
Charles G. Frowert, 32°	"
George D. Whitcomb, 32°	"
Oscar W Stager, 32°	"
Atlee P. Parmer, 32°	"
Marvin M. Eavenson, 32°	"
William J. Diehl, 32°	Pittsburg.
James M. Goldy, 32°	Philadelphia.
Charles A. White, 32°	"
Edwin L. Ritter, 32°	"
Forman P. Hollinshead, 32°	"
Isaiah T. Bossert, 32°	"

Albert R. Saylor, 32° . . . . . Royersford.
William H. Maneely, 32° . . . . . Philadelphia.
Louis Wagner, 18° . . . . . "
John L. B. Wilson, 32° . . . . . "
Horace F. Fuller, 32° . . . . . "
Arthur A. Muth, 32° . . . . . "
J. Harry Hughes, 32° . . . . . "
James A. Parke, 32° . . . . . "
Richard Maris, 32° . . . . . "
Alexander Foster, 32° . . . . . "
Harry K. Leech, 32° . . . . . "
Murdoch Kendrick, 32° . . . . . "
Joseph P. Wyman, 32° . . . . . "
William T. Reynolds, 32° . . . . . Ardmore.
William E. Krewson, 32° . . . . . Philadelphia.
Milton A. Piper, 32° . . . . . "
Joseph J. Williams, 32° . . . . . "
Charles W. Packer, 32° . . . . . "
William B. Burk, 32° . . . . . "
Jesse G. Mecutchen, 32° . . . . . "
Adam H. Schmehl, 32° . . . . . Reading.
Edward B. Spencer, 32° . . . . . Philadelphia.
Samuel S. Yohe, 32° . . . . . Easton.
Charles A. Seither, 32° . . . . . Philadelphia.
William F. Englehart, 32° . . . . . "
Francis Buchanan, 32° . . . . . "
William F. Englehart, Jr., 32° . . . . . "
Walter D. Green, 18° . . . . . "
George B. Cole, 32° . . . . . Shippensburg.

No further business offering for the consideration of the Council, the Illustrious Grand Prior addressed the Throne of Grace, and the thirtieth session of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation was closed in harmony and in due form

at seven o'clock and twenty minutes, P. M., after which the brethren present repaired to the banquet hall, where they partook of suitable refreshments.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN,

Most Illus. Com.-in-Chief, Deputy for Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY,

Illus. Gr. Secretary.

OBITUARY RECORD.

In Memoriam.

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS.

JOHN WELSH, 32°,

Born in Butler Co., Pa., December 24, 1829.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., November 29, 1898.

NOAH SPEERS, 32°,

Born in Washington Co., Pa., August 22, 1834.
Died at Speers, Pa., November 29, 1898.

DAVID M. JONES, 32°,

Born in Ebensburg, Pa., April 24, 1850.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., January 7, 1899.

SAMUEL BATTLES WILLIAMS, 32°,

Born in Pittsburg, Pa., December 11, 1845.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., February 1, 1899.

JOSEPH EICHBAUM, 33°,

Born in Pittsburg, Pa., March 4, 1829.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., April 15, 1899.

CARLTON HILLS COVELL, 32°,

Born in Perry, Ohio, May 24, 1860.
Died at Wilkinsburg, Pa., March 25, 1899.

WILLIAM LYLE McBRYAR, 32°,

Born in Apollo, Pa., September 28, 1861.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., April 10, 1899.

ALFRED EPHER HUNT, 32°,

Born in East Douglass, Mass., March 31, 1855.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., April 26, 1899.

JOHN SLINGLUFF, 32°,

Born in Norristown, Pa., August 3, 1839.
Died at Exeter, Pa., May 12, 1899.

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WILLIAM TELL CANNON, 32°,

Born in Westmoreland Co., Pa., March 10, 1847.
Died at Kansas City, Mo., May 13, 1899.

HILARY JACKSON BRUNOT, 32°,

Born in Pittsburg, Pa., July 24, 1824.
Died at Greensburg, Pa., June 10, 1899.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MORRIS, 32°,

Born in Pittsburg, Pa., June 14, 1846.
Died at Machipongo, Va., July 8, 1899.

WILLIAM JOHN KOUNTZ, Jr., 32°,

Born in Allegheny, Pa., October 1, 1867.
Died at Allegheny, Pa., August 18, 1899.

DAVID PHILLIPS ESTEP, 32°,

Born in Washington Co., Pa., March 9, 1822.
Died at Beaver Co., Pa., September 22, 1899.

JOHN SMITH BLAZIER, 32°,

Born in Washington Co., Pa., August 20, 1833.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., October 19, 1899.

STEPHEN MARION REYNOLDS, 32°,

Born in Pittsburg, Pa., August 17, 1844.
Died at Avalon, Pa., October 21, 1899.

WILLIAM HOWARD THOMAS, 32°,

Born in Springtown, Pa., September 13, 1865.
Died at Connellsville, Pa., July 15, 1899.

HORACE FORRESTER LOWRY, 32°,

Born in Hulton, Pa., September 9, 1865.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., November 7, 1899.

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Born in Willow Hill, Pa., September 7, 1856.
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Died at Philadelphia, Pa., March 7, 1899.

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Born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 17, 1827.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., March 27, 1899.

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Born in Wilmington, Del., October 22, 1835.
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Born in Berwick, Pa., April 7, 1822.
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